

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 166

In Senate, Feb. 23, 1915.

Ordered, That one thousand copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Senator Colby of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT to amend Section 1 of Chapter 244 of the Acts of 1909 relating to transmitting by corporations of electric power beyond the confines of the State.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1 of chapter 244 of the public laws of 1909, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the eighth line thereof, after the words "of such purposes," the following words: 'unless it shall first file an application with the public utilities commission and obtain an order from said commission permitting it so to do. Upon receipt of any such application the commission shall investigate or make inquiry

8 in a manner to be determined by it as to the existence of
9 a reasonably available market at fair rates within the state
10 for all or any of the electricity which it is desired to trans-
11 mit beyond the confines of the state and in granting such
12 permission may impose such restrictions upon such trans-
13 mission or conveyance beyond the state as may be reason-
14 able and proper and may by order fix a future date when
15 after hearing and an investigation as to an available market
16 within the state, the commission may upon two years' no-
17 tice, terminate the permission granted to transmit all or
18 any part of said electricity beyond the confines of the state,'
19 so that said section 1 shall read as follows:

'Section 1. No corporation, unless expressly authorized
21 so to do by special act of legislature, shall transmit or con-
22 vey beyond the confines of the state for the purpose of fur-
23 nishing power, heat or light, any electric current generated
24 directly or indirectly by any water power in this state, nor
25 sell or furnish, directly or indirectly, to any person, firm
26 or corporation, any electric current so generated to be trans-
27 mitted or conveyed beyond the confines of the state for
28 any of such purposes, unless it shall first file an applica-
29 tion with the public utilities commission and obtain an order
30 from said commission permitting it so to do. Upon receipt
31 of any such application the commission shall investigate or
32 make inquiry in a manner to be determined by it as to the
33 existence of a reasonably available market at fair rates
34 within the state for all or any of the electricity which it

35 is desired to transmit beyond the confines of the state and
36 in granting such permission may impose such restrictions
37 upon such transmission or conveyance beyond the state as
38 may be reasonable and proper and may by order fix a
39 future date when after hearing and an investigation as to
40 an available market within the state, the commission may
41 upon two years' notice, terminate the permission granted
42 to transmit all or any part of said electricity beyond the
43 confines of the state. Nothing in this act, however, shall
44 prevent any railroad corporation doing business in this state
45 from transmitting electric current, however generated, be-
46 yond the confines of the state for the purpose of operating
47 its road between some point in this state and any point or
48 points beyond its confines.'