

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 431

In Senate, March 24, 1915.

Reported by Sen. Durgin from Committee on Judiciary and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

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 striking out the word "unless" in the first line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words 'except one' and 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

9 permitting it so to do. Upon receipt of any such applica-
10 tion the Commission shall investigate or make inquiry in a
11 manner to be determined by it as to the existence of a rea-
12 sonably available market at fair rates within the State for all
13 or any of the electricity which it is desired to transmit
14 beyond the confines of the State and in granting such per-
15 mission may impose such restrictions upon such transmis-
16 sion or conveyance beyond the state as may be reasonable
17 and proper and may by order fix a future date when after
18 hearing and an investigation as to an available market with-
19 in the state, the Commission may upon two years' notice,
20 terminate the permission granted to transmit all or any part
21 of said electricity beyond the confines of the State.' so that
22 said Section 1 shall read as follows:

 'Section 1. No corporation, except one expressly author-
24 ized so to do by special act of legislature shall transmit or
25 convey beyond the confines of the state for the purpose of
26 furnishing power, heat or light, any electric current gener-
27 ated directly or indirectly by any water power in this
28 state, nor sell or furnish, directly or indirectly, to any per-
29 son, firm or corporation, any electric current so generated
30 to be transmitted or conveyed beyond the confines of the
31 state for any of such purposes, unless it shall first file an
32 application with the Public Utilities Commission and obtain
33 an order from said Commission permitting it so to do.
34 Upon receipt of any such application the Commission shall
35 investigate or make inquiry in a manner to be determined by

36 it as to the existence of a reasonably available market at fair
37 rates within the State for all or any of the electricity which
38 it is desired to transmit beyond the confines of the State and
39 in granting such permission may impose such restrictions
40 upon such transmission or conveyance beyond the state as
41 may be reasonable and proper and may by order fix a future
42 date when after hearing and an investigation as to an avail-
43 able market within the state, the Commission may upon two
44 years' notice, terminate the permission granted to transmit
45 all or any part of said electricity beyond the confines of the
46 State. Nothing in this act, however, shall prevent any rail-
47 road corporation doing business in this state from transmit-
48 ting electric current, however generated, beyond the con-
49 fines of the state for the purpose of operating its road be-
50 tween some point in this state and any point or points be-
51 yond its confines.'