

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 580

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Grand Isle Light and Power
Company.

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

Section 1. P. A. Cyr, F. Sanfacon, Jos. A. Cyr, G. G. Ver-
2 mette, Henry J. Martin, P. Therriault, all of Grand Isle,
3 Maine, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby
4 made a body corporate, by the name of the Grand Isle Light
5 and Power Company, with all the powers, rights and privi-
6 leges, and subject to all the duties and obligations conferred
7 and imposed on corporations by law, except as herein other-
8 wise provided.

Sect. 2. The purposes of said corporation are the making, generating, selling, distributing and supplying electricity for lighting, heating, manufacturing, or mechanical and power purposes in the town of Grand Isle, with all the rights, privileges and powers and subject to all the restrictions and liabilities by law incident to corporations of a similar nature.

Sect. 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall be fifteen thousand dollars and said corporation is hereby authorized to issue stocks and bonds as provided for by Section thirty-seven of Chapter fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby empowered to set poles and extend wires and extend its lines in, upon, along, over, across and under the streets and roads in the town of Grand Isle for the purpose of furnishing electric lights, for the public and private use in said towns under such regulations and restrictions as may be established by the municipal officers in said town, within its limits, and subject to the general laws of the state relating to such matters.

Sect. 5. Said corporation is hereby authorized to make contracts with the town of Grand Isle, relative to lighting the streets of said town and for other public purposes, corporations or individuals, and with the permission of the legislature of New Brunswick, with the parish of Saint Basile or any village or municipal corporation or organization therein, and the inhabitants of said

8 parish, village or municipal corporations, for the purpose
9 of supplying them with electricity for light, heat and power,
10 and said town and said corporations and individuals are
11 hereby authorized to enter into such contracts with the
12 Grand Isle Light and Power Company, the town by its se-
13 lectmen, and other corporations by their president and di-
14 rectors, or other officers.

Sect. 6. Said corporation shall not unnecessarily nor for
2 any too long period of time encumber the roads or streets
3 of the town in which it is authorized to do business with
4 any of the materials or appliances used in constructing its
5 line. It shall not obstruct or in any way injure or remove
6 any water-pipe or sewer-pipe, public or private telegraph
7 or telephone pole or wire, but may cross, or when neces-
8 sary change the direction of any private wire or pipe or
9 sewer in such manner as not to impair the use thereof, be-
10 ing responsible to the corporation, individual or individuals
11 owning the same for any injury occasioned thereby in an
12 action on the case.

Sect. 7. Said corporation is hereby authorized to purchase
2 or lease any real or personal property necessary or con-
3 venient for the carrying on of its business of generating
4 and furnishing electric light and power and to make any
5 and all contracts for the purchase of all such things as may
6 be necessary or useful in connection with its plant; it is
7 also authorized to contract with any corporation or cor-
8 porations, individual or individuals within or without the •

9 state for the purchase of electric power or electricity for
10 the accomplishing the objects and purposes contemplated
11 by this act, subject, however, to Section thirty-four, Chap-
12 ter fifty-five, Revised Statutes of nineteen sixteen.

Sect. 8. The principal office of said corporation shall be
2 held in the town of Grand Isle, in the county of Aroostook.

Sect. 9. The first meeting of said corporation may be
2 called by serving upon each corporator a written notice
3 naming the time and place of said meeting, by giving the
4 same to him in hand or mailing the same to him postage
5 paid, seven days before the day named therein for such
6 meeting. At said meeting all usual or necessary officers
7 may be chosen and by-laws adopted as said corporators
8 shall deem necessary and proper.

Sect. 10. Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal
2 or shall be construed as repealing the whole or any part of
3 any existing statute. And all the rights and duties herein
4 mentioned shall be exercised and performed in accordance
5 with all the applicable provisions of Chapter fifty-five of
6 the Revised Statutes.

Sect. 11. It shall be unlawful for said corporation to
2 transmit electric current for sale or use beyond the limits
3 of this state, or to contract with any person, firm or cor-
4 poration for the transmission or sale of electric current be-
5 yond the limits of this state and said corporation shall not
6 be permitted to acquire in any manner the franchise of, or
7 consolidate with, or transfer or lease its property, rights

8 and franchises to, any other corporation, firm or person
9 now transmitting or having the right to transmit electric
10 power beyond the confines of the state, without express au-
11 thority of the legislature. But nothing contained in this
12 section shall make it unlawful to prevent said corporation
13 from exercising the rights and privileges hereinbefore con-
14 ferred with reference to furnishing electricity within the
15 parish of Saint Basile.

Sect. 12. All the property, rights and franchises within
2 the state of Maine acquired, erected, owned, held or con-
3 trolled by this corporation or its successors or assigns at
4 any time after this act shall take effect, shall be subject to
5 be taken over and become the property of the state, wherever
6 said state shall determine by proper legislation that the
7 public interests require the same to be done. Upon the
8 taking effect of such legislation the ownership of said prop-
9 erty, rights and franchises shall immediately be transferred
10 to and vested in said state, and said state shall make just
11 compensation to the owner or owners thereof for the prop-
12 erty, rights and franchises so taken, except the franchises
13 conferred by the state of Maine upon this corporation,
14 which said franchises shall be wholly excluded in the de-
15 termination of the amount to be paid to said corporation
16 by the state. The fair value of the property, rights and
17 privileges so taken by the state, subject to the exemption
18 hereinbefore mentioned, shall be determined by agreement
19 between this corporation and such officers and agents of

20 the state as shall be thereunto authorized to act in its be-
21 half by the act which authorized the taking of said prop-
22 erty, rights and privileges; and failing of such agreement
23 within six months after said act takes effect, the supreme
24 judicial court in any county where any of the property,
25 rights and privileges so taken are situated, may upon peti-
26 tion of either party appoint three disinterested persons as
27 appraisers to fix and determine the amount of money to be
28 paid for the fair value of the property, rights, and privi-
29 leges so taken, subject to the exception aforesaid. The
30 method of procedure and the duties and powers of the ap-
31 praisers to be determined by the act authorizing such taking.