

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 265

In Senate, March 21, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Spencer from Committee on Public Utilities
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE**

AN ACT to Incorporate the Columbia Falls Water Company.

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

Section 1. Charles F. Wilson, Wilbur A. Allen, Fred R.
2 Ramsdell, Dion B. Tibbetts, William W. Ramsdell and Seth
3 H. Allen, of the town of Columbia Falls, their associates,
4 successors and assigns are hereby made a corporation by
5 the name of "Columbia Falls Water Company" for the
6 purpose of supplying the town of Columbia Falls in the
7 county of Washington and the inhabitants thereof with
8 water for domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes, with
9 all the rights and privileges and subject to the liabilities and

10 obligations of similar corporations under the laws of this
11 state.

Sect. 2. The place of business of said corporations shall
2 be Columbia Falls, in the county of Washington and state
3 of Maine, but the meetings of the stockholders or of the
4 directors of the corporation may be held anywhere in the
5 state of Maine provided there is nothing in the by-laws of
6 the corporation inconsistent therewith.

Sect. 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall be
2 ten thousand dollars, said stock to be divided into one hun-
3 dred shares of the par value of one hundred dollars each.

Sect. 4. The first meeting of this corporation may be
2 called by written notice, signed by any one of the above
3 named incorporators, at least four days before the day of
4 said meeting, and if any three of the above named incorpo-
5 rators meet in response to such a notice they are hereby
6 authorized to elect officers, adopt by-laws, file all necessary
7 certificates and take all necessary steps to complete the
8 organization of the corporation and carry out the purposes
9 for which it is chartered. Also any meeting of the above
10 named incorporators without such written notice at which
11 all of said incorporators shall be present shall be valid as
12 if duly called and notified.

Sect. 5. Said corporation may collect, take, draw, use
2 and distribute water from any spring, springs or wells that
3 it may acquire by purchase or otherwise, and also from
4 ponds, streams or other sources in said town of Columbia

5 Falls; and may locate, construct and maintain cribs, reser-
6 voirs and dams, standpipes, gates, hydrants, pipes, and all
7 other necessary structures to conduct and distribute the
8 same through the said town in the usual manner. Said
9 corporation is hereby authorized to lay, construct and main-
10 tain in, under, through, along and across the highways,
11 ways, streets, railroads and bridges in said town, and take
12 up, replace and repair, all such sluices, aqueducts, pipes,
13 hydrants, and structures as may be necessary for the pur-
14 pose of its incorporation, the work of so doing to be carried
15 on in such a manner as not to unreasonably obstruct the
16 same, under such reasonable restrictions and conditions as
17 the selectmen of said town may impose.

Sect. 6. Said corporation shall have power to cross any
2 water-course private or public sewer or to change the direc-
3 tion thereof when necessary for the purpose of its incorpa-
4 ration, but in such manner as not to obstruct or impair
5 the use thereof whenever said company shall lay down any
6 fixtures in any highway, way or street, or make any altera-
7 tions or repairs, repairs upon its work in any highway,
8 way or street, it shall cause the same to be done with as
9 little obstruction to public travel as may be practicable,
10 and shall, at its own expense, without unnecessary delay,
11 cause the earth there removed by it, to be replaced in
12 proper condition.

Sect. 7. Said corporation shall have the right to exercise
2 the power of eminent domain, and shall follow the pro-

3 cedure set forth in sections eleven to twenty-two inclusive
4 of chapter sixty-one of the revised statutes or any amend-
5 ments, or alterations thereof or additions thereto.

Sect. 8. Said corporation may hold real and personal
2 estate necessary and convenient for all its said purposes.

Sect. 9. Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal
2 or shall be construed as repealing the whole or any part
3 of 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 the
6 revised statutes and act amendatory thereof or additional
7 thereto.