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STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT Granting the Right of Eminent Domain to Electric
Power Companies Doing a Public Utility Business.**

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

Corporations organized under the provision of section three
2 of chapter sixty of the revised statutes and corporations
3 chartered by special acts of the legislature for the purpose
4 of making, generating, selling, distributing and supplying
5 electricity for lighting, heating, or other public purposes
6 are hereby authorized and empowered to take and hold by
7 right of eminent domain such lands and easements as may

8 be necessary for the proper location of their transmission
9 lines which are designed to carry voltages of five thousand
10 volts or more and of necessary appurtenances thereto, lo-
11 cated within the territory in which said corporations are
12 authorized to do a public utility business, in the same man-
13 ner and under the same conditions as set forth in chapter
14 sixty-one, sections eleven to twenty-two, of the revised stat-
15 utes and amendments thereto.

This right shall not apply to lands or easements located
2 within three hundred feet of an inhabited dwelling, nor to
3 lands and easements on or adjacent to any developed or
4 undeveloped water power, nor to lands or easements so
5 closely paralleling existing wire lines of other utility cor-
6 porations that the proposed transmission lines would sub-
7 stantially interfere with service rendered over said existing
8 lines except with the consent of the owners thereof, nor to
9 lands and easements owned or used by railroad corporations.

Any location to be so taken for such transmission lines
2 shall be approved by the public utilities commission.