

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 279

S. P. 631

In Senate, March 1, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Murchie of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for Rates, Tolls or Charges by Public
Utilities.

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

Section sixteen of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

'The rate, toll or charge or any joint rate made, exacted,
2 demanded or collected by any public utility for any heat,
3 light, water or power furnished within the state shall not
4 exceed the rate, toll or charge or any joint rate of any
5 public utility for any heat, light, water or power exported
6 or furnished without the state for a similar kind of service.'

So that said section sixteen of chapter fifty-five, as amend-
2 ed, shall read as follows:

Sect. 16. Every public utility is required to furnish safe, 2 reasonable and adequate facilities. The rate, toll or charge, 3 or any joint rate made, exacted, demanded or collected by 4 any public utility for the conveyance or transportation of 5 persons or property between points within this state, or for 6 any heat, light, water or power produced, transmitted, de- 7 livered or furnished, or for any telephone or telegraph 8 message conveyed, or for any service rendered or to be 9 rendered in connection with any public utility, shall be rea- 10 sonable and just, taking into due consideration the fair 11 value of all its property with a fair return thereon, its rights 12 and plant as a going concern, business risk and depreciation. 13 Every unjust or unreasonable charge for such service is 14 hereby prohibited and declared unlawful.

The rate, toll or charge or any joint rate made, exacted, 2 demanded or collected by any public utility for any heat, 3 light, water or power furnished within the state shall not 4 exceed the rate, toll or charge or any joint rate of any pub- 5 lic utility for any heat, light, water or power exported or 6 furnished without the state in a similar kind of service.'