

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 853

S. P. 552

In Senate, March 13, 1931.

Reported by Senator Weatherbee of Penobscot from Committee on Public Utilities and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Classifying Public Heating Companies as Public
Utilities.

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

Section 1. Paragraph twenty-six of section fifteen of chapter sixty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the third line of said paragraph after the words "water company" the words 'public heating company,' so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

'The term "public utility" when used in this chapter includes every common carrier, gas company, electrical company, telephone company, telegraph company, water company, public heating company, wharfinger, and warehouseman, as those terms are defined in this section, and each thereof is hereby declared to be a public utility, and to be subject to the jurisdiction, control and regulation of the commission, and to the provisions of this chapter.'

Sec. 2. Section fifteen of chapter sixty-two of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'The term public heating company when used in this chapter includes every corporation or person, their lessees, trustees, receivers or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, controlling, operating or managing a plant for the purpose

of selling heat to the general public, but shall not include any of the aforesaid corporations, persons, their lessees, trustees, receivers or trustees appointed by any Court whatsoever who sells heat to a limited number of individuals or corporations not in excess of seventy-five thousand (75,000) square feet of direct radiation or its equivalent.' •