

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 693

House of Representatives, February 15, 1955

Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bean of Winterport.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Relating to Transmission of Electric Power Beyond Limits of State.**

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

**R. S., c. 50, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of chapter 50 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence and 4 new subsections to be numbered I to IV, inclusive, to read as follows:

**‘Any corporation transmitting and conveying electric current beyond the confines of this State shall not be deemed to be transmitting and conveying electric current generated by water power in the State if, at the time of such transmission and conveyance, the total amount of electric current being tenerated or purchased during the period of such transmission and conveyance by such corporation from sources other than water power in the State is in excess of the amount of electric current being so transmitted or conveyed.**

**I.** Subject to the terms and provisions of these subsections, any corporation duly organized under the laws of this State and engaged in the generation of electric current by water power in this State shall have the power to sell, transmit and convey beyond the confines of the State any electric current so generated.

**II.** No corporation engaged in the generation of electric current by any water power in this State shall engage in the business of transmitting or conveying the same beyond the confines of the State unless it shall first file notice of its intention to do so with the Public Utilities Commission and obtain an order of such Commission permitting it to engage in such business in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by said Commission to safeguard the rights and interests of both such corporation and its customers

within the State, having due regard to all facts and conditions which may affect such transmission or conveyance of such electric current, and in accordance with such reasonable rates as may be approved by said Commission, to the extent it may have jurisdiction. Any such corporation engaged in the business of transmitting or conveying such electric current beyond the confines of this State pursuant to such order shall discontinue such business in whole or in part to such extent and under such conditions as said commission may order when, after notice to such corporation and hearing thereon, the Commission shall find that such electric current, or the portion thereof affected by such order, is reasonably required for use within the territory in this State in which such corporation is authorized to sell such electric current, that public convenience and necessity require that it be delivered for such use, and after taking into account that required to supply other public utilities in accordance with the provisions of section 6.

III. When such order is issued by the Public Utilities Commission and accepted by such corporation, and only so long as the terms and conditions of such order are observed by such corporation, such corporation may continue to sell, transmit and convey such electric current beyond the confines of this State, notwithstanding the provisions of this section prohibiting the same, and shall not be subject to the penalties of section 2.

IV. Any such corporation to which an order is issued under the provisions of the preceding subsections shall have the right at any time to surrender the permission granted by any such order by written notice filed with the Public Utilities Commission.