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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 194.

An Act to incorporate the Union Gas Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

- Corporators. SECT. 1. John Ware, P. S. Heald, Nathaniel Meader, G. A. Phillips, E. F. Webb, W. T. Haines, S. A. Nye, E. P. Kenrick, Arthur H. Totman, C. C. Cornish, Charles E. Warren, and their associates and assigns, are hereby constituted a
- Corporate name. body politic and corporate, by the name of the Union Gas Company, for the purpose of supplying light, heat and power, by the manufacture of gas in the towns of Waterville, Fairfield and Winslow, with all the privileges and subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities by law incident to such corporations of a similar nature.
- Capital stock. SECT. 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall be not less than twenty-five thousand dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, which may be increased by vote of the company to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
- May hold real estate. Said company is authorized to purchase and hold such real and personal property as may be necessary and proper for the purposes of its incorporation.
- Authorized to lay pipes, etc., across and along highways, SECT. 3. The said company is hereby authorized to lay down and maintain in, under, along, through and across the ways, highways, railroads and bridges of the said towns of Waterville, Fairfield and Winslow, and to take up, replace and repair all such pipes and fixtures, and to maintain posts and such other fixtures as may be necessary for the purposes and objects of its incorporation, and may enter upon and dig up any way, highway, railroad or street in said towns, or either of them, for the purposes aforesaid, and in general may do other acts and things necessary, convenient and proper to be done for the complete establishment and maintenance of its works and plant ; provided, always, that said company shall, at its own expense, and to the satisfaction of the selectmen of either of said towns in which the same may be done, without unnecessary delay, repair the said ways, highways, railroads and streets in every part when they shall be so entered upon and dug up, and restore the covering, sidewalks and pavements thereof respectively.
- shall repair streets.
- Liability for damages, for taking up ways. SECT. 4. The said company shall be liable, in all cases, to repay to said towns, or either of them, all sums of money

that said towns, or either of them, may be obliged to pay on any indictment or judgment recovered against said towns, or either of them, for damages occasioned by any obstruction or taking up or displacement of any way, highway, railroad, road or street by said company in either of said towns, together with fees of counsel and other expenses necessarily incurred in defending the same; provided, however, that said company shall have notice whenever such damages are claimed of either of said towns, from the selectmen of either of said towns from which such damages are claimed, and shall be allowed to defend the same at its own expense. —proviso.

SECT. 5. The said company shall have power to cross any water course, private or public sewer and to change the direction thereof when necessary for the purposes of its incorporation, but in such manner as not to injure, obstruct or impair the use thereof, and said company shall be liable for any injury or damages caused thereby. May cross private or public sewer.

SECT. 6. The said company is hereby authorized to purchase the franchise and property, rights, privileges and immunities of the Waterville Gas Light Company, the Waterville Electric Light and Power Company, the Fairfield Electric Light Company, or either of said companies, upon such terms as may be agreed upon, and upon such purchase and transfer of either of said companies, the said Union Gas Company shall succeed to and enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities now or hereafter granted to either of said companies so purchased in either of said towns of Waterville, Fairfield or Winslow, to supply said towns, or either of them, with light, heat and power, by the manufacture of gas or electricity in the manner provided in sections one, two, three, four and five of this act, and by the charters of said companies and any amendments thereto. Authorized to purchase the franchises, etc., of other corporations.

SECT. 7. The said company is hereby authorized to make contracts with the United States, state of Maine, and with the companies and corporations and inhabitants of the said towns of Waterville, Fairfield and Winslow, for the purposes of supplying light, heat and power, as contemplated by this act, and the said towns of Waterville, Fairfield and Winslow, each through its selectmen, are hereby authorized to contract with said company from time to time, as is deemed expedient for the supply of light, heat and power for said towns or either of them. May contract to supply light, heat and power.

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May issue bonds
and mortgage
property.

SECT. 8. The said company may issue its bonds for the construction of its works and for the purposes of its incorporation, upon such rates and times as it may deem expedient, and in such amounts as may be required for the objects of its incorporation, and for the purchases authorized by section six of this act, and secure the same by mortgage upon its franchise and property of said company.

First meeting,
how called.

SECT. 9. The first meeting of said company may be called by a written notice thereof, signed by any two corporators named herein and served upon each incorporator, by giving him the same in hand or by leaving the same at his last and usual place of abode, seven days before the time of meeting.

Damages, how
estimated.

SECT. 10. Damages for any land taken for the purpose of laying pipes or other purposes, necessary for the proper use of said company in its business, as contemplated by this act, in case the parties cannot agree, shall be estimated, secured and paid, as in case of lands taken for railroads.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 3, 1887.

Chapter 195.

An Act to amend an act incorporating the City of Waterville.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Act to incor-
porate the city
of Waterville,
amended.

The Act of the legislature of eighteen hundred and eighty-three, approved February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, to incorporate the city of Waterville, is hereby amended so that the several sections of said act, shall read as follows :

Corporate name.

Rights, powers
and privileges.

'SECT. 1. The inhabitants of the town of Waterville, in the county of Kennebec, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate by the name of the city of Waterville, and as such shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers, privileges and franchises, and be subject to all the duties and obligations now appertaining to or incumbent upon said town as a municipal corporation, or appertaining to or incumbent upon the inhabitants or selectmen thereof, and may ordain and publish such acts, ordinances, laws and regulations, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of

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