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STATE OF MAINE  
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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

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**CHAP. 256**

**Chapter 256.**

An Act to incorporate the Cumberland County Power and Light Company.

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

**Corporators.** Section 1. Newell T. Fogg, Thomas Leigh, George A. Goodwin, C. E. Mitchell and Scott Wilson, their associates, successors and assigns are hereby made a body corporate by the name of Cumberland County Power and Light Company, with all the powers, rights and privileges, subject to all the duties and obligations conferred and imposed on corporations organized to sell, distribute and supply electricity for light, heat and power under the general laws of the state, except as otherwise provided herein.

**—corporate name.**

**Authorized to furnish electricity and gas in counties of York and Cumberland.** Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to manufacture, transmit, distribute and furnish electricity and gas for light, heat and power and for any other purpose, within the counties of York and Cumberland in the state of Maine, except in the town of Sanford in said county of York and in the town of Bridgton in the county of Cumberland, and to sell and supply the same for any of said purposes to any railroad or street railroad, person or corporation, or to any town, city, district or county within said territory except in said towns of Sanford and Bridgton, which said railroads, street railroads, persons, corporations, towns except said towns of Sanford and Bridgton, cities, districts and counties are hereby respectively authorized and empowered to contract with said corporation therefor. But no authority is hereby given to sell or distribute electricity for lighting purposes in any town or city in which another person or corporation is legally conducting the business of electric lighting or authorized so to do without the consent of such person or corporation.

**—exceptions.**

**—further exceptions.**

**Capital stock.** Section 3. The capital stock of said corporation shall be not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars nor more than five million dollars, as the stockholders shall from time to time determine, and shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

**May set poles, etc.** Section 4. Subject to the limitation contained in section two of this act, said corporation is hereby empowered, for any of the purposes hereinbefore stated, to set poles, extend wires and lay pipes and to maintain and operate the same upon, along, over, across and under the roads and streets within any of the cities and towns in said counties of York and Cumberland, under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the municipal officers of said cities and towns, respectively, subject

**—restrictions.**

to the general laws of the state regulating the erection of poles and lines and the laying of pipes and conduits for the purposes of transmission and sale of electricity and gas.

Section 5. Said corporation shall have power and authority to acquire by purchase, lease, merger or consolidation all the properties, rights, privileges and franchises of any other public service corporations doing business in said counties of York and Cumberland, and upon the purchase or acquisition of the property, rights, privileges and franchises of such other public service corporations shall have, possess and enjoy all the powers, rights, privileges and franchises specified in the charters or held, possessed or enjoyed by said last named corporations, which are hereby authorized and empowered to lease, or sell and convey their respective properties, rights, privileges and franchises to the corporation hereby incorporated, or to merge or consolidate with said last mentioned corporation.

May acquire rights of other public service corporations.

Said corporation may purchase, hold, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of the shares of the capital stock, or any bonds, securities or evidences of indebtedness created by any other corporation or corporations of this or any other state, territory or county, and while owner of such stock may exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote thereon.

May dispose of stock, bonds, etc.

And any other public service corporations doing business in said counties, or either of them, shall have power and authority to acquire by purchase or lease all the properties, rights, privileges and franchises of the corporation hereby incorporated, and to exercise the same, if such exercise be incidental to the purposes of such other public service corporation.

—other public service corporations may acquire property of this corporation.

And this corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to lease, or sell and convey its properties, rights, privileges and franchises to said other public service corporation, or to merge or consolidate with them.

—may lease, sell or convey its properties.

Section 6. Said corporation at its own expense, without unnecessary delay, shall remove any and all obstructions in any street or way made in erecting or laying the lines for such purposes, and cause earth disturbed to be properly replaced. It shall not be allowed to obstruct or impair the use of any public or private drain or gas pipe, sewer, telegraph, telephone or railroad wire, but may cross, or when necessary, change the direction of any private wire or pipe, drain or sewer, in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, being responsible to the owner or other person for any injury occasioned thereby in an action on the case.

Shall remove its obstructions, etc.

—shall not obstruct public or private drains.

**CHAP. 257**

May issue  
bonds.

Section 7. Said corporation may issue its bonds upon such rates and time as it may deem expedient and in such an amount as may be required for the objects and purposes authorized by this act, and may secure the same by mortgage upon the franchise and property of said corporation.

Principal  
office shall  
be in  
Portland.

Section 8. The principal office of said corporation shall be located in the city of Portland in the county of Cumberland, and said corporation may establish such other offices and places of business as it shall deem necessary or convenient in the transaction of its business.

First  
meeting,  
how called.

Section 9. The first meeting of said corporation may be called by written notice thereof, signed by any two corporators herein named, served upon each corporator by a copy of the same in hand or mailed to him at his last known address, postage paid, at least seven days prior to the day named therein for such meeting.

Section 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 14, 1907.

### Chapter 257.

An Act to revise the charter of the City of Westbrook.

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

Chapter 486,  
private and  
special laws,  
amended.

Section 1. For the purpose of bringing together in a more connected and convenient form, chapter four hundred and eighty-six of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Westbrook," and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, and revising and further amending the same, said original act, after the enacting clause, is hereby so revised and further amended as to read as follows:

Corporate  
name.

—rights,  
powers, and  
privileges.

'Section 1. The inhabitants of the town of Westbrook, in the county of Cumberland, shall, in case of the acceptance of this act by the voters of said town, as hereinafter provided, continue to be a body politic and corporate under the name of the city of Westbrook, and as such shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers, privileges and franchises, and shall 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 by-laws, ordinances and regulations, not inconsistent with the