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ACTS AND RESOLVES
OF THE
SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE
1907.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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Chapter 397.

An Act to grant additional powers to the Seabasticook Power Company.

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

Section 1. The Seabasticook Power Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of Maine and located at Pittsfield, is hereby authorized to generate, sell, distribute and supply electricity for power, heating, lighting, manufacturing and mechanical purposes in and to any of the cities and towns in Somerset, Waldo, Kennebec and Penobscot counties, or to any village corporation therein, or to any corporation or individual now or hereafter doing business in any such cities or towns; by carrying and conducting electricity made and generated on its property from the towns of Pittsfield and Burnham to and into any cities and towns in said counties, and there to use the same in all ways for its own purposes and there to sell the same for mechanical, manufacturing, heating, lighting and power purposes.

Additional
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granted.

Provided, however, that excepting the right to transmit electricity by trunk lines through any part of said territory to any other part thereof in which it legally may have or acquire the right to distribute and sell the same, and excepting the right to sell electricity to any company or individuals legally doing a similar business in any part of said territory, nothing herein contained shall authorize said Seabasticook Power Company to engage in business in any part of said territory where it is not already authorized to do business, in competition with any other corporation, association or individual or at any time hereafter prior to the commencement of business in said territory by the Seabasticook Power Company legally doing or authorized to do a similar business therein without the consent of such other company.

—proviso.

And provided further that no corporation hereafter organized under the general law for doing an electrical business in any town or towns in said territory shall be prevented from doing such business by reason of this act unless said Seabasticook Power Company shall have actually established a distributive system in such town or towns prior to the organization of such corporation.

—proviso.

Section 2. Said Seabasticook Power Company and any other corporation organized for similar purposes and doing business in said territory are hereby respectively authorized and empowered to combine their properties, rights, privileges and franchises by sale or lease, or otherwise, not contrary to law, and the company so purchasing or otherwise acquiring the plant, property, business, rights, privileges, franchises and capital

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stock of the other shall have full right and power to hold, exercise and operate the same.

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poles and
lay pipes,
etc., along
highways.

Section 3. Said Seabastickook Power Company is hereby empowered to set poles and extend wires and lay pipes and conduits and construct and maintain its lines in, upon, along, over, across and under the streets and roads in any of said territory for the purpose of furnishing electric light and power for heating, manufacturing and mechanical purposes for public and private use in said towns under such reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the municipal officers of any such cities or towns, subject to the general laws of the state regulating the erection of poles and lines and laying pipes and conduits for the purposes of electricity.

Shall re-
move ob-
structions
in streets.

Section 4. Said Seabastickook Power Company 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 the 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 or railroad wire, but may cross and, 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 any action on the case.

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May take
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Section 5. Said Seabastickook Power Company is hereby empowered to take and to hold as for public uses such lands and property as may be necessary for the purpose of said corporation as herein provided, and in case said corporation cannot agree with the owner or owners as to the price to be paid therefor, the same shall be determined as provided by law.

Section 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 26, 1907.