

without first having obtained the permission and approval of the Commission.

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CHAPTER 543.

AN ACT to ratify and approve the sale by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel of its Electrical Distribution System and the granting of certain franchises by it to The Annapolis & Chesapeake Bay Power Company and the acquisition of the said Distribution System and the acceptance and exercise of said franchises by the said last mentioned Company.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the sale by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel of its Municipally owned Electrical Distribution System to The Annapolis & Chesapeake Bay Power Company, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of this State made on or before August 13, 1923, and the granting to said Power Company by the said Municipal Corporation of certain franchises by ordinance approved August 13, 1923, the sale and acceptance and exercise of said franchises having been duly approved by the Public Service Commission of Maryland, are hereby confirmed and approved.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Power Company be and it is hereby authorized, in order to carry on and conduct the business for which it was incorporated and to enjoy the rights, powers, privileges and franchises granted or to be granted to it, to acquire the lands or property of any individual, firm or corporation or private rights of way over any such lands or any interests therein as may be necessary, and if said Company cannot agree with the owner or owners thereof or if any such owners be unknown or be feme sole and without power to contract in that regard; under age, *non compos mentis*, or under any other legal disability to contract or be out of the County in which the property may be located the said Power Company shall have the right to condemn the said land or property or rights of way thereover or interests therein in the manner provided by Article 33A of Code of Public General Laws of Maryland or any amendment thereto, but nothing in this Section shall authorize the said Power Company to condemn property located within the corporate limits of the City of Laurel.