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general system of conduits for the entire municipality. It is as much in force in the annexed territory as in the original City limits, for the Annexation Act, by Section 2 of Chapter 82, provides that all local laws shall apply to the territory annexed to Baltimore City. The Charter reposes in the Electrical Commission authority to require all wires, etc. to be placed in conduits and the Commission is authorized to establish reasonable rentals therefor. Accordingly the City has the power to lay its own conduits, and if wires exist under the surface of the streets, not in conduits, the City has the authority to require installation. Of course, it will be necessary for the Company, if it desires to lay cables or conduits, to obtain the usual permits from the Highways Engineer to open any streets affected.

If the Gas Company builds its own conduits prior to installation by the City, the municipality has complete authority under Chapter 221 of the Acts of 1924 (subject to its adoption by the voters), to acquire by purchase "any existing conduit system", and thereby the City could make such conduit system so purchased a part of the municipal owned system.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Philip B. Perlman,
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