

the General Assembly of Maryland of the year 1910 hereinbefore mentioned, be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

SEC. 31 $\frac{3}{4}$. The Commission shall have the general supervision of all persons and gas corporations and electrical corporations and other corporations having authority under any general or special law, or under any charter or franchise, to lay down, erect or maintain wires, pipes, conduits, ducts or other fixtures in, over or under the streets, highways and public places of any municipality, for the purpose of furnishing or distributing gas, both natural and artificial, or of furnishing, or transmitting electricity for light, heat or power, or maintaining underground conduits or ducts for electrical conductors.

Investigate and ascertain, from time to time, the quality of gas supplied by persons and corporations, examine the methods employed by such persons and corporations, in manufacturing, selling, delivering or supplying gas or electricity for light, heat or power, and in transmitting the same, and have power to order such improvements as will best promote the public interests, preserve the public health and protect those using such gas or electricity and those employed in the manufacture and distribution thereof, or in the maintenance and operation of the works, wires, poles, lines, conduits, ducts and systems in connection therewith.

Have power by order, to fix from time to time such reasonable standards as it may deem proper for the measurement of the purity of gas, and of the illuminating power of gas, and of the heating power of gas, for lighting, heating or power purposes, whether natural gas distributed or sold, or gas manufactured, distributed or sold by persons or gas corporations for such lighting, heating, or power purposes, and to prescribe from time to time the efficiency of the electric supply system, of the current supplied, and of the lamps furnished by the persons or electrical corporations generating and selling electric current, and by order to require said natural or other gas to equal the standards so fixed by it, and to prescribe from time to time the reasonable minimum and maximum pressure at which said natural or other gas shall be delivered by said persons or gas corporations.

For the purpose of determining whether said natural or other gas for lighting, heating or power purposes conforms to said standards of illuminating power, heating power, purity and pressure, and for the purpose of determining whether the efficiency of the electric supply system and the current supplied