

ACTS

AND

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PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

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CHAP. 274.—An ACT to incorporate the Berkeley and South Norfolk water and electric light company.

Approved February 16, 1892.

1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, That Howard N. Johnson, S. Q. Collins, Joseph T. Tunis, Marcellus Miller, Charles Blevin, L. B. Allen, Foster Black, E. M. Tilley, A. H. Martin, Parke L. Poindexter and F. M. Halstead, and such other persons as they may associate with them, and their successors, are hereby created a body corporate and politic, under the name of the Berkeley and South Norfolk water and electric light company, and are invested with all the powers, franchises and privileges of a corporation, not inconsistent with the laws of the state of Virginia, or of the laws of the United States.

2. The purposes and objects for which said company is incorporated, and which it is authorized to effect, are the construction, on any plan that may be approved, of reservoirs, storage-basins, stand-pipes, force-pumps, engines and any and all the fixtures and appurtenances which may be necessary therefor; the laying of pipes, main and lateral, to convey the water from any source or sources to the town of Berkeley and the village of South Norfolk and the vicinity; and the construction and operation of engines and dynamos and any and all the fixtures and appurtenances necessary for the manufacture and transmission of electric light, and the erection of poles, wires, and other things necessary to convey the electricity from the works to the town of Berkeley and the village of South Norfolk and the vicinity. And for these purposes the said company shall have the rights, privileges and franchises necessary to carry into effect its purposes, objects and intents.

3. The said company is authorized to contract and agree with the owner of any land in Norfolk county, or in the counties adjacent thereto, for the convenient location of any of its works; and in case of a disagreement, or if the owner thereof be a feme covert, under age, non compos mentis, out of the state, or unknown, the said company shall have the right to condemn such lands as may be necessary for the building of its works or any of them, the laying of its pipes or any of them, the erection of its poles and wires or any of them, in the manner prescribed by the forty-sixth chapter of the code of Virginia, edition of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

4. The capital stock of said company shall not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

5. There shall be as many directors for said company as may be fixed by the by-laws, to be elected by the stockholders annually. The persons named in this act, or such of them as may accept the provisions thereof, shall constitute the first board of directors of the said company, and shall continue in office until the first meeting of the stockholders thereof. One of their number shall be chosen as president, and the president and directors may appoint all officers, agents, and employees, and fix their compensation. The board of directors may open books of subscription at such times and places as they see fit. Whenever the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars shall have been subscribed to the capital stock, the said company shall be deemed legally organized.

6. The president and directors of said company may issue, in the name and for the benefit of said company, bonds or certificates of indebtedness, bearing interest not to exceed six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, and may pledge the property and profits of said company for the payment thereof; and may convert the said bonds or certificates of indebtedness into capital stock of said company, with the consent of the holders thereof.

7. It shall be lawful for the said company to sell and dispose of its water and light, or either, to the town of Berkeley and the inhabitants thereof, to residents in the village of South Norfolk, to other corporations and persons, and to the government of the United States for such time, in such manner, and at such rates as to it shall seem fit, for the benefit of said company.

8. All taxes shall be paid in lawful money of the United States, and not in coupons.

9. This act shall be in force from its passage.

CHAP. 275.—An ACT to amend the charter of the Wythe lead and zinc mine company so as to enlarge its rights and privileges.

Approved February 16, 1892.

Whereas, by act of the general assembly of Virginia approved March twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, a charter of incorporation was granted to certain persons therein named, under the name and style of the Wythe lead and zinc mine company, and which said charter was afterwards amended by an act approved May twenty-third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven; and whereas the limited powers and privileges granted to said company by said original and amended acts prevent its working to advantage all its minerals and mineral substances and the products of its land; therefore,