

SENATE No. 490

[Mr. Gibbs moves that this bill be substituted for the House Report of the committee on Power and Light, reference to the next annual session, on so much of the recommendations of the Department of Public Utilities (House, No. 133) as relates to the filing of schedules of rates and charges by gas, electric and water companies (accompanied by bill, House, No. 134).]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two.

AN ACT

Relative to Contracts Relating to Public Utilities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The department of public utilities
2 may on the application of either party to a con-
3 tract between a public utility and one of its cus-
4 tomers for the sale of gas, electricity or water
5 after notice to the parties and a hearing make
6 such order relative to the rates, charges and serv-
7 ice covered by such contract as it deems is reason-
8 able and just to the parties and in the public
9 interest. The order of the department shall be
10 binding upon the parties for the balance of the

11 term of the contract except that the contract
12 may be again reviewed as herein provided at any
13 time.

1 SECTION 2. Any order made under the pro-
2 visions of this act shall be enforced as provided
3 in section seventy-nine of chapter one hundred
4 and sixty-four of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall
2 not apply to the Boston Consolidated Gas Com-
3 pany so long as it is subject to the provisions of
4 chapter four hundred and twenty-two of the acts
5 of nineteen hundred and six.

1 SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts incon-
2 sistent with the provisions of this act are hereby
3 repealed.