

By Mr. Langone of Boston, petition of James J. Kilroy for legislation to increase the powers of the Department of Public Utilities. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT TEMPORARILY ENLARGING THE POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to protect the public
3 interest by insuring adequate and dependable supplies of elec-
4 tricity to the inhabitants of the commonwealth, therefore it is
5 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the im-
6 mediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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, acting un-
2 der and in accordance with the procedural provisions and re-
3 quirements of section twenty-eight as most recently amended
4 by chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the General Laws,
5 shall have original jurisdiction concurrent with that of a board
6 of aldermen or selectmen to exercise all the powers and duties
7 conferred on such board by section twenty-two as most re-
8 cently amended by said chapter one hundred and sixty-six rela-
9 tive to every part of a line for the transmission of electricity
10 for lighting, heating or power which does or will of necessity
11 pass through one or more cities or towns to connect the present
12 or proposed termini of such line and which is or is to be located
13 on any part of a right of way which is or has been the subject

14 of a contemporaneous or prior decision or order of the de-
15 partment.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall expire on the
2 last day of December in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-
3 two with respect to all matters not then pending on the docket
4 of the department.