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By Mr. DiCarlo, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 480) of Joseph J. C. DiCarlo and another for legislation to validate the location of certain gas and electric pipes, mains, lines and other equipment of the Boston Gas Company, the Lynn Gas Company, the Mystic Valley Gas Company, and the North Shore Gas Company. Government Regulations.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT VALIDATING THE LOCATION OF CERTAIN GAS AND ELECTRIC PIPES, MAINS, LINES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT OF THE BOSTON GAS COMPANY, THE LYNN GAS COMPANY, THE MYSTIC VALLEY GAS COMPANY, AND THE NORTH SHORE GAS COMPANY.

*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. All locations of the pipes, mains and lines for  
2 the transmission and distribution of gas and electricity actually  
3 in place on the effective date hereof and erected or acquired  
4 by the Boston Gas Company, the Lynn Gas Company, the  
5 Mystic Valley Gas Company and the North Shore Gas Com-  
6 pany, upon, under, along or across the highways, reservations,  
7 land, waterways and tidewaters of the Commonwealth of  
8 Massachusetts, the boulevards and reservations of the Metro-  
9 politan District Commission and the public ways, streets and  
10 places of the cities and towns of Abington, Acton, Arlington,  
11 Ayer, Bedford, Belmont, Beverly, Boston, Boxborough, Brain-  
12 tree, Brookfield, Brookline, Burlington, Cambridge, Carlisle,  
13 Chelsea, Clinton, Cohasset, Concord, Danvers, Dudley, East  
14 Brookfield, Everett, Framingham, Gloucester, Groton, Harvard,  
15 Hingham, Hull, Lancaster, Leicester, Leominster, Lexington,  
16 Lincoln, Littleton, Lunenburg, Lynn, Lynnfield, Malden, Mar-  
17 blehead, Medford, Melrose, Middleton, Milton, Nahant, Natick,  
18 Needham, Newton, North Brookfield, Norwood, Peabody,  
19 Quincy, Reading, Revere, Rockland, Rockport, Salem, Saugus,  
20 Shirley, Somerville, Southbridge, Spencer, Stoneham, Sudbury,

21 Swampscott, Wakefield, Waltham, Warren, Watertown, Way-  
22 land, Webster, Wellesley, West Brookfield, Weston, Weymouth,  
23 Whitman, Winchester, Winthrop, Woburn, and the valves, gov-  
24 ernors, poles, piers, abutments, conduits, manholes, vaults and  
25 other structures, fixtures, and appurtenances designed to sus-  
26 tain, protect or operate said pipes, mains and lines are, upon  
27 the written concurrence of the Department of Public Utilities,  
28 hereby made lawful, notwithstanding any informality or other  
29 irregularity whatsoever in obtaining, or the failure to obtain,  
30 any location, permit, license or other approval whatsoever re-  
31 quired in connection with the laying, maintenance or existence  
32 thereof.

1 SECTION 2. The Boston Gas Company, the Lynn Gas Com-  
2 pany, the Mystic Valley Gas Company and the North Shore  
3 Gas Company shall apply within ninety days after the effective  
4 date hereof to the Department of Public Utilities for its writ-  
5 ten concurrence, as provided in section 1 hereof; and said De-  
6 partment shall hold a public hearing after thirty days notice,  
7 in the manner provided by section 3 of chapter 30A, to the  
8 public in the cities, towns or areas affected thereby. Upon  
9 such concurrence, the companies shall file within ninety days  
10 after the effective date thereof with the clerk of each of said  
11 cities and towns a map or maps showing the locations of their  
12 pipes, mains and lines, and the valves, governors, poles, piers,  
13 abutments, conduits, manholes, vaults and other structures,  
14 fixtures and appurtenances designed to sustain, protect or op-  
15 erate said pipes, mains and lines within each such city or town;  
16 on or before the same date, the companies shall file with the  
17 Department of Public Works a map or maps showing the loca-  
18 tion of such pipes, mains and lines and the valves, governors,  
19 poles, piers, abutments, conduits, manholes, vaults and other  
20 structures, fixtures and appurtenances designed to sustain, pro-  
21 tect or operate said pipes, mains and lines upon, under, along  
22 or across the highways, reservations, lands, waterways and  
23 tidewaters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and on or  
24 before the same date, the companies shall file with the De-  
25 partment of Public Utilities and with the Metropolitan District

26 Commission a map or maps showing the location of such pipes,  
27 mains and lines and the valves, governors, poles, piers, abut-  
28 ments, conduits, manholes, vaults and other structures, fixtures  
29 and appurtenances designed to sustain, protect or operate said  
30 pipes, mains and lines upon, under, along or across the boule-  
31 vards and reservations of the Metropolitan District Com-  
32 mission.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various projects and the results achieved. The report concludes with a summary of the work done and the plans for the future.

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