

CHAPTER 132.

[S. B. 131.]

CORPORATIONS OPERATING PIPE LINES FOR OILS AND
NATURAL GASES.

AN ACT relating to the organization, management, control and regulation of corporations for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating pipe lines and appurtenances for the conveyance and transportation of oils and natural gases and conferring the power of eminent domain.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Two or more persons may organize a corporation having for its principal purpose the construction, maintenance and operation of pipe lines and appurtenances for the conveyance and transportation of oils and natural gases. Such corporation shall be organized in the manner provided by law for the organization of ordinary trade or business corporations and shall have power to acquire, hold, use and transfer all such real and personal property as may be reasonably necessary for conducting its business, and to construct, maintain and operate pipe lines and appurtenances for the conveyance and transportation of oils and natural gases.

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SEC. 2. Such corporations are hereby declared to be common carriers and subject to control and regulation by the public service commission of this state in the same manner and to the same extent as other public service corporations. The power of eminent domain is hereby conferred upon such corporations and they shall have the right to condemn and appropriate lands and property and interests therein for their use under the same procedure as is provided for the condemnation and appropriation of private property by railway companies but no private property shall be taken or damaged until the compensation to be made therefor shall have been ascertained and paid as provided in the case of condemnation and appropriation by railway companies. Any property or interest therein acquired by any corporation under the provisions of this act by the exercise of the right of

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eminent domain shall be used exclusively for the purposes for which it was acquired.

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CHAPTER 133.

[S. B. 258.]

INCREASE IN RATES OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES.

AN ACT relating to the suspension by the Public Service Commission of increases in rates by public service companies and amending section 8626-82 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That section 8626-82 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 8626-82. Increase in Rates—Suspension—Burden of Proof.

Whenever any public service company shall file with the commission any schedule, classification, rule or regulation, the effect of which is to increase any rate, fare, charge, rental or toll theretofore charged, the commission shall have power, either upon its own motion or upon complaint, upon notice, to enter upon a hearing concerning such proposed increase and the reasonableness and justness thereof, and pending such hearing and the decision thereon the commission may suspend the operation of such rate, fare, charge, rental or toll for a period of ninety (90) days from the time the same would otherwise go into effect, and after a full hearing the commission may make such order in reference thereto as would be provided in a hearing initiated after the same had become effective: *Provided*, That if any such hearing cannot be concluded within the period of suspension, as above stated, the commission may,

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