

CHAPTER 454

PUBLIC ENTERPRISES

**454.01 GAS, ELECTRIC, AND POWER PLANTS IN CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS OR THE FOURTH CLASS.**

Although the franchise had been granted for the manufacture, sale, and distribution of gas for fuel, light, and power purposes, the municipal electric light plant has full authority to change from the use of coal to the use of natural gas. OAG March 1, 1946 (624-B-3).

**454.04 SERVICE RATES.**

While there is no statutory provision forbidding it, it is considered had policy for a village to lease any part of its equipment to private parties. OAG May 18, 1942 (469-a-9).

**454.041 RATES FOR GAS OR ELECTRIC CURRENT IN CERTAIN CITIES.**

A state may authorize a municipal corporation to establish by an inviolable contract rates to be charged by a public service corporation for a definite term not grossly unreasonable in time, and such contract suspends during its life governmental power of fixing and regulating rates; and the question whether or not they are confiscatory is immaterial. *St. Cloud Public Service Co. v City of St. Cloud*, 44 SCR 492.

**454.045 FURNISHING GAS TO CERTAIN ADJACENT CITIES.**

Gas and electricity in interstate commerce. 18 MLR 611.