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# Utilities - Franchises Historical Notes

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## **Public Utilities**

The following act is no longer effective but is listed here as a reference to laws which once affected public utilities in Lauderdale County.

1. Acts of 1909, Chapter 245, authorized the issuance of a single charter for the operation of water, electric and ice companies, so that the same entity could operate waterworks, ice plants, electric lighting plants, and water, ice and electric power plants or systems in cities and towns with a population of less than 5,000 in Gibson, Lauderdale, and Sevier Counties. This act was declared unconstitutional in Etowah Light and Power Co. v. Yancey, 197 F. 845 (E.D. Tenn. 1911).

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