478.9 Exclusive rights — duration of franchise.

No exclusive right shall ever be given by franchise or otherwise to any person, company, corporation, or city to conduct electrical energy, or to place electric wires, along or over or across any public highway or public place or ground; and no franchise or privilege shall ever be granted for any such purpose for a longer period than twenty-five years.

[C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §**8316;** C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, §489.8; C66, 71, 73, 75, §489.9; C77, 79, 81, §478.9]