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## **MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS - MASSACHUSETTS**

### **St. Laurent v. Middleborough Gas & Electric Department**

**Appeals Court of Massachusetts - April 4, 2018 - N.E.3d - 93 Mass.App.Ct. 901 - 2018 WL 1614048**

Individuals, who were injured when a ladder they were near came into contact with an arcing electrical current that allegedly came from an improperly grounded line maintained by town's electric plant, brought negligence suit against electric plant.

The Superior Court denied plant's motion to dismiss for lack of presentment, and plant appealed.

The Appeals Court held that town's electric plant was a "public employer," such that Tort Claims Act applied to negligence claim brought against electric plant.

Town's electric plant was a "public employer," such that Tort Claims Act applied to negligence claim brought against electric plant by individuals, who were injured when a ladder they were near came into contact with an arcing electrical current that allegedly came from an improperly grounded line maintained by town's electric plant; statute defined "public employer" as including any town and any department thereof, including a municipal gas or electric plant.