

or controlling the same; and to gas and electric plants, and to persons or corporations owning, operating, leasing or controlling the same.

6. To all telephone lines, as above defined, and all telegraph lines as above defined, and to every telephone company, and to every telegraph company, so far as said telephone and telegraph lines are and lie, and so far as said telephone companies and said telegraph companies conduct and operate such line or lines, respectively, within this State.

7. To all water companies and to the land, property, dams, water supplies, canals or power stations thereof and the operation of the same within this State.

8. To all persons, corporations or partnerships engaged in the "transportation of property or freight," as above defined, within this State.

9. To all corporations and persons whatsoever subject to the provisions of this sub-title as herein defined.

And to such other and further extent, and to all such other and additional matters and things, and in such further respects as may herein appear, either expressly or impliedly.

1910, ch. 180, sec. 4 (p. 347).

416. The principal office of the commission shall be in the city of Baltimore, at such place therein as said commission shall select and determine from time to time. The commission shall hold stated meetings at least once a week during the year at its office. The commission shall have an official seal, which shall be prepared and furnished by the secretary of state. The offices of the commission shall be supplied with all necessary books, maps, charts, stationery, office furniture, telephone and telegraph connections, and all other necessary appliances and incidentals, to be paid for in the same manner as other expenses authorized by this sub-title.

The offices of said commission shall be open for business between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning and nine o'clock at night every day in the year, and one or more responsible persons, to be designated by the commission or by the secretary, under the direction of the commission, shall be on duty at all times, in immediate charge thereof.

The commission shall promptly and duly organize. A majority of the commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, for the performance of any duty, or for the exercise of any power of the commission, and may hold meetings of the commission at any time and place within the State. Any investigation, inquiry or hearing which the commission has power to undertake or hold, may be undertaken or held by or before any one of said commissioners, upon condition, however, that such commissioner shall have first been authorized by the commission to undertake to hold such investigation, inquiry or hearing; and all investigations, inquiries or hearings of or by a commissioner shall be and be deemed to be the investigations, inquiries and hearings of the commission; provided, however, that each and all