

An. Code, sec. 425. 1910, ch. 180, sec. 13 (p. 354).

362. Every corporation, person or common carrier performing the services designated in the preceding sections shall furnish, with respect thereto, such service and facilities as shall be safe and adequate and in all respects just and reasonable. All charges made or demanded by any such common carrier for the transportation of passengers, freight or property, or for any service rendered or to be rendered in connection therewith, as defined in section 349, shall be just and reasonable and not more than allowed by law or by order of the commission, conformably with the law. Every unjust or unreasonable charge made or demanded for any such service or transportation of passengers, freight or property, or in connection therewith, or in excess of that allowed by law or by order of the commission, conformably with the law, is unlawful and prohibited.

The public service commission herein created and established shall have the general supervision of all common carriers, railroads, street railroads, railroad corporations and street railroad corporations, transporting passengers, freight or property from one point to another within the State of Maryland, and shall have power to and shall examine the same or cause the same to be examined and keep informed as to their general condition, their capitalization, their franchises and the manner in which their lines, owned, leased, controlled or operated and managed, are conducted or operated within this State both with respect to the adequacy, security and accommodation afforded by their service, and also with respect to their compliance with all provisions of law and orders of the commission.

The commissioner shall have power and authority to administer oaths in all parts of the State to witnesses summoned to testify in any inquiry, investigation, hearing or proceeding, and also to administer oaths in all parts of the State whenever the exercise of such power is incidentally necessary or proper to enable the commission or a commissioner to perform a duty or to exercise a power committed to it by this sub-title. The commission and each commissioner shall have power to examine all books, contracts, records, documents and papers of any corporation, company, association, person or partnership subject to its supervision, in so far as they relate to the matters over which said commission has jurisdiction and control, and by subpoena *duces tecum* to compel production thereof. In lieu of requiring production of originals by subpoena *duces tecum*, the commission, or any commissioner, may require sworn copies of any such books, records, contracts, documents and papers, or parts thereof, to be filed with it.

The words "conformably to the law" do not limit the powers of the P. S. C. to increase rates. Commission may authorize United Railways to charge a fare in excess of that prescribed by the act of 1900, ch. 313. Implied repeal. *Gregg v. Public Service Commission*, 121 Md. 1, reviewed. *Chenoweth v. Public Service Com.*, 143 Md. 624.

See notes to secs 346, 348, and 368 and 381.

An. Code, sec. 426. 1910, ch. 180, sec. 14 (p. 355).

363. A railroad corporation, upon the application of any shipper tendering traffic for transportation, shall construct, maintain and operate upon reasonable terms a switch connection or connections with a lateral line of