

shall begin on the first day of the month succeeding his appointment, and shall continue for the period of three years; but if a vacancy shall occur at any time by reason of death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise; the vacancy shall be filled by the said Commissioners of Oxford by the appointment of a suitable person to serve for the remainder of the term of the member by whose death, resignation or removal from office the vacancy occurred.

The said Utilities Commission so appointed shall have full charge of the operation, management and maintenance of the said plant, including the power to make contracts in the name of the Commissioners of Oxford, to sue in the name of the Commissioners of Oxford for the collection of any and all indebtedness which may be due said Utilities Commission or for the performance of contracts made with said Commission to purchase material, employ all such assistants (skilled or unskilled) and labor as may be necessary for the proper performance of the duties of said Commission and to fix their compensation; to make such rules and regulations for the management of said electrical plant and for their own government as they may deem proper; to make extensions, additions or improvements to said plant, provided the approval of the Commissioners of Oxford shall first be secured, and where the total cost of such addition, extension or improvement shall exceed two hundred (\$200) dollars, the Commission shall secure competitive bids for the purchase of all material for the use of the said plant, including fuel; and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, and provided further that no material shall be furnished by any member of said Commission, directly or indirectly, or by any firm or corporation with which any member of said Commission may be connected, unless otherwise authorized by the Commissioners of Oxford. The said Utilities Commission shall fix and revise rates with the approval of the Commissioners of Oxford and adopted by their formal resolution. Provided, however, that nothing in this Act contained is intended or shall be taken or construed as relieving the Commissioners of Oxford or the said Utilities Commission, from any and all provisions of Chapter 180 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1910, known as the Public Service Commission Law, or any amendments thereto.

The said Commission shall within ten days after being appointed organize by electing one of their members President, and also by electing a Secretary and Treasurer, either or both of the last named may or may not be members of the Commission, and the same person may hold both offices, and shall serve for one year or until the appointment and qualification of his or their successor, and the said Commission may, if they see fit, appoint a Manager. No bills or expenses incurred in the management and operation of said plant shall be paid except by check signed by the President and countersigned by the Treasurer after said bills (except authorized weekly pay rolls and minor expenses) shall have been approved and ordered paid by the Commission. The Treasurer shall have charge of all revenues arising from the plant, but such revenues shall be deposited in some bank to be selected by said Commission, in the name of and to