or property for compensation, being mainly upon, along, above or below any street, avenue, road, highway, bridge or public place within the corporate limits of the city of Baltimore or any other city or town containing a population of not less than two thousand persons, within the State of Maryland, and including all switches, spurs, tracks, right of trackage, subways, tunnels, stations, terminals and terminal facilities of every kind, used, operated, controlled or owned by or in connection with any such street railroad; but the said term "street railroad," when used in this sub-title, shall not include a railroad constituting or used as part of a trunk line railroad system.

The term "railroad corporation," when used in this sub-title, includes every corporation, company, association, joint stock company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, operating, managing or controlling any railroad or any cars or other equipment used thereon, or in connection therewith.

The term "street railroad corporation," when used in this sub-title; includes every corporation, company, association, joint stock company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receivers, appointed by any court whatsoever, holding, operating, managing or controlling any street railroad or any cars or other equipment used thereon or in connection therewith.

The term "common carrier," when used in this sub-title, includes all railroad corporations, street railroad corporations, express companies, car companies, sleeping car companies, freight companies, freight line companies, steamboat, power boat and vessel-boat and ferry companies, canal companies, and all persons and associations of persons, whether incorporated or not, operating such agencies for public use in the conveyance of persons or property within this State, by land or by water, or both.

The term "gas corporation," when used in this sub-title, includes every corporation, company, association, joint stock company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receivers appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, operating, managing or controlling any plant or property for manufacturing and distributing and selling for distribution or selling or distributing illuminating gas (natural or artificial or manufactured, and wheresoever and howsoever derived or obtained) for light, heat, fuel or power, or for any public use whatsoever.

The term "electrical corporation," when used in this sub-title, includes every corporation, company, association, joint stock company or association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receivers, appointed by any court whatsoever (other than a railroad or a street railroad corporation generating electricity for its own use solely and exclusively) owning, operating, managing or controlling any plant or property, including any water plant, or water property, or water falls, or dam, or water power station, for generating and distributing or generating and selling for distribution, or selling or distributing electricity for light, heat or power, or for the transmission of electric current for such purposes, or for any public use whatsoever.

The term "gas plant," when used in this sub-title, includes boilers, water gas sets, retorts, condensers, scrubbers, purifiers, holders, mains, pipes, services, pipe galleries, meters, buildings, real estate, easements, lamps, materials, apparatus, devices and property of every kind operated, controlled, owned, used or to be used for or in connection with, or to facilitate