

tion by P. S. C. of Md. The movement of natural gas from one state to another is interstate commerce, but when sold and distributed to Maryland consumers it ceases to be an article of such commerce. "Original package." Injunction properly granted. *W. Va., etc., Gas Co. v. P. S. C.*, 134 Md. 139.

Commission has no jurisdiction to authorize sale by municipality of property dedicated to public use; powers conferred upon commission are of a regulatory nature and do not include either granting or withdrawal of franchises. *Worcester v. Hancock*, 151 Md. 678.

See secs. 195 and 196, and notes to sec. 403.

As to condemnation by gas companies, see sec. 336.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 387. 1912, sec. 444. 1910, ch. 180, sec. 31½ (p. 375).

398. Every gas corporation and every electrical corporation shall furnish and provide such service, instrumentalities and facilities as shall be reasonably safe and adequate and in all respects just and reasonable. All charges made or demanded by any such gas corporation and electrical corporation for gas, electricity or any service rendered or to be rendered, shall be just and reasonable and not more than allowed by law or by order of the commission; "and all acts or parts of acts heretofore passed and now existing, prescribing or limiting the price at which any gas corporation or electrical corporation, or any other corporation subject to this sub-title, may furnish, sell or dispose of its gas or electricity or other product or utility are hereby repealed, it being the intent of this sub-title that the powers of the commission herein created to ascertain the price of such gas or electricity or other product of utility as provided for herein, shall supersede all such acts or parts of acts aforesaid." Every unjust or unreasonable charge made or demanded for gas, electricity or any such service, or in connection therewith, or in excess of that allowed by law or by the order of the commission, is prohibited.

No gas corporation or electrical corporation shall directly or indirectly, by any special rate, rebate, drawback or other device or method, charge, demand, collect or receive from any person or corporation a greater or less compensation for gas or electricity, or for any service rendered, or to be rendered, or in connection therewith, except as authorized in this sub-title, than it charges, demands, collects or receives from any other person or corporation for doing a like and contemporaneous service with respect thereto, under the same or substantially similar circumstances or conditions.

No gas corporation or electrical corporation shall make or grant any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any person, corporation or locality, or to any particular description of service in any respect whatsoever, or subject any particular person, corporation or locality or any particular description of service to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage in any respect whatsoever.

Nothing in this sub-title shall be taken to prohibit a gas or an electrical corporation from establishing a sliding scale for the automatic adjustment of charges for gas, electricity or any service rendered, or to be rendered, and the dividends to be paid to stockholders of such gas corporations or electrical corporation, provided that the sliding scale shall have been filed with the proper commission; but nothing in this subdivision shall operate to prevent the commission from fixing proper, just and reasonable rates and charges to be made for service, as authorized in this article.

This section was passed to remove any statutory barrier to comprehensive effect as to rate regulation of P. S. C. Law. Consolidated Public Utilities Company (of Westminster) is within the operation of P. S. C. Law; pre-existing provisions of charter of Westminster in conflict with the exclusive exercise of regulative power by P. S. C. as to that company, repealed. Act of 1910, ch. 341, regulating rates of the water company is in violation of that part of art. 3, sec. 33, of the Md. Constitution which