

motion or upon a complaint made as provided in this Act, that the rates, tolls, fares or charges demanded, exacted, charged or collected by any common carrier, railroad or street railroad, railroad corporation, street railroad corporation, or other corporation subject to the provisions of this Act, for the transportation of persons, freight or property within the State, or that the regulations or practices of such common carrier or corporation affecting such rates, tolls or services are unjust, unreasonable, unjustly discriminating or unduly preferential, or in anywise in violation of any provision of law, the Commission shall determine the just and reasonable rates, tolls, fares and charges to be thereafter observed and in force as the maximum to be charged for the service to be performed, and shall fix the same by order to be served upon all common carriers or other corporations by whom such rates, fares and charges are thereafter to be observed. And whenever the Commission shall be of the opinion, after a hearing, had upon its own motion or upon complaint, that the regulations, practices, equipment, appliances or services of any common carrier or other such corporation in respect to any services, transportation of persons, freight or property within this State, are unjust, unreasonable, unsafe, unreasonably improper or inadequate, the Commission shall determine the just, reasonable, safe, reasonably adequate and proper regulations, practices, equipment, appliances and service to be in force and to be observed in respect to such transportation of persons, freight and property, and so fix and prescribe the same by order to be served upon every common carrier or other corporation to be bound thereby; and thereafter it shall be the duty of every such common carrier or other corporation to observe and obey each and every requirement of every such order so observed upon it, and to do everything necessary or proper in order to secure absolute compliance with and observance of every such order by all its officers, agents or employees. The Commission shall have power by order to require any two or more common carriers whose lines, owned, operated, controlled or leased, form a continuous line of transportation, or which could be made to do so by the construction and maintenance of switch connection, to establish through routes and joint rates, fares and charges for the transportation of passengers, freight and property within the State as the Commission may by its orders designate; and in case such through routes and joint rates be not established by the common carriers named in any such order within the time specified therein, the Commission shall establish just and reasonable rates, fares and charges to be charged for such through transportation and declare the portion thereof to which each common carrier affected thereby