

free access to the work to be carried on in the construction of said bridge, and to all maps, profiles, contracts, reports of engineers, accounts, books, records and all other papers and documents relating thereto.

48. Said Company is hereby authorized to fix and to revise from time to time tolls for transit over said bridge and to charge and collect the same, and to fix by contract with any person, partnership, association or corporation desiring the use of said bridge, approaches, appurtenances and works, or any part thereof, for placing thereon water, gas or oil pipe line, telephone, telegraph, electric light or power line or for any other purpose, except for tracks for railroad or railway use, the terms, conditions and rates of charges for such use, provided, however, that any such contract for the use of said bridge for such purpose or purposes shall in every case provide for adequate compensation to said company, its successors and assigns. The rates of tolls and charges so fixed shall be the legal rates, unless and until changed by order of the Public Service Commission, as may be authorized by law.

49. No person, partnership, association or corporation, private or public, shall be authorized to, and it shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, association or corporation, private or public, to construct or operate any bridge over the waters of the Chesapeake Bay at a distance less than ten miles from the bridge to be erected in pursuance of this sub-title, except such other bridge be erected after the acquisition by the State of the bridge to be erected, pursuant hereto, and with the consent of the General Assembly.

50. A franchise tax is hereby levied annually upon the gross receipts of said Company, its successors and assigns, derived from the tolls and all other revenues from the said bridge, such tax being as follows, to wit: two and one-half per cent. of so much of such gross receipts as shall be not in excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in any one year, and in addition thereto three and one-half per cent. of so much of such gross receipts as shall be in excess of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and not in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for such year, and in addition thereto five and one-half per cent. of so much of such gross receipts as shall be in excess of one million dollars (\$1,000,000); and that for the purpose of determining said tax, said Company, its lessees, its