

*purposes of this subsection (e), a company controlling a public service company shall be deemed a public service company of the same class as the controlled public service company.*

*24. (Personnel of the Commission.)*

*No public service company (or any officer or employee or agent thereof) shall offer to any personnel of the commission any office, place, appointment or position, or any present, gift, or gratuity or any special consideration of any kind whatsoever.*

*25. (Preferences and Discrimination.)*

*(a) No public service company shall (with the exceptions listed in the following subsection) directly or indirectly, by any means whatever (including but not limited to special rates, rebates, drawbacks or refunds) in respect of any service rendered or commodity furnished by it:*

*(1) Charge, demand or receive from any person a greater or less compensation than from any other person under substantially similar circumstances;*

*(2) Extend any privileges or facilities to any person except such as are uniformly extended to all persons under substantially similar circumstances;*

*(3) Give any undue or unreasonable preference to or discriminate against or cause any undue or unreasonable prejudice to, any person, locality, or particular class of service.*

*(b) The preceding subsection shall not apply to service rendered or commodities furnished under the following circumstances:*

*(1) To a public service company's own officers, employees, agents, surgeons, pensioners, physicians, attorneys, and their immediate families and to ministers of religion, and United States, state, or local governments.*

*(2) To charitable and eleemosynary institutions to assist them in the performance of their charitable and eleemosynary work.*

*(3) To provide relief in cases of general epidemic, pestilence, flood or other similar calamity.*

*(4) In the case of common carrier companies, also to transportation of personnel of any other common carrier company which reciprocates for personnel of the transporting common carrier company; transportation of inmates of hospitals, indigent, destitute and homeless persons; transportation of persons exclusively engaged in charitable and eleemosynary work; transportation of inmates of national or state soldiers and sailors homes, including those about to enter and those returning home after discharges; transportation of railway mail service employees, postoffice, customs and immigration inspectors, newsboys, baggage agents; transportation of property carried to or from fairs and expositions for exhibition; transportation of employees of sleeping car companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies doing business along the line of the carrier company; transportation of persons and property incident to or connected with contracts for construction, operation or maintenance of the plant of the transporting company, to the*