

haul them through to their destination or (by the route billed) to the connecting point with the next connecting carrier. Railroad companies, and street railroad companies, however, shall not be required to interchange cars except upon such terms and conditions as the commission may direct. Nothing in this section shall affect the duties of railroad companies, or the powers of the commission, with respect to joint rates.

37. (Switch and Side-track Connections.)

Upon the application of any shipper, every railroad company shall construct, maintain and operate on reasonable terms a switch connection or connections with a lateral line of railroad or private side track owned by such shipper, or provide upon its own property a side track and switch connection for such shipper, whenever the switch connection or the side track and switch connection are safe to install, reasonably practicable and justified by the volume of business therefor. Installation, maintenance, and compensation shall be subject to regulation by the commission. Such connections may be discontinued if the commission finds that the above conditions justifying them have ceased.

Taxicab Companies

38. (Permits.)

(a) No taxicab shall be operated in any incorporated city or town having a population of more than 50,000 persons, or between points within such city or town and points outside thereof, without a written permit from the commission.

(b) The commission shall issue such a permit, upon written application, if in its judgment, after investigation, the granting of the permit would be best for the public welfare and convenience. In determining this question, the commission shall take into account the number of taxicabs to be used, the taxicab and other transportation services already available in the locality, the rate to be charged, and such other factors as may be relevant. The commission shall reject any application for a permit and revoke or suspend the existing permits of any taxicab company when it appears that said company is making an effort to mislead the public by imitating any name, design or distinctive combination of colors of any taxicabs already approved by the commission.

(c) Each permit shall apply only to the particular taxicab therein designated. It shall be subject to such terms and conditions, and shall run for such period of time, (subject to renewal in the commission's discretion in accordance with the standards set forth in the preceding subsection) not exceeding one year, as the commission may deem advisable. Except where the commission stipulates otherwise, it shall continue in force for the calendar year for which it is issued. The commission may, for sufficient cause shown, amend, suspend or revoke any permit.

(d) No permit shall be assigned or transferred unless the assignment or transfer is approved, after investigation by the commission, as best for the public welfare and convenience. Application for such approval must be in writing and must set forth the purpose, terms and conditions of the proposed assignment or transfer.