

47. (*Sliding Scale.*)

Any gas or electric company may establish a sliding scale for the automatic adjustment of charges for gas, electricity, or any service rendered and dividends to be paid to stockholders of the company. No such scale shall be effective, however, until filed with the commission; and nothing in this section shall be construed as derogating in any respect from the paramount jurisdiction of the commission over the rates of such companies.

Water Companies

48. (*Rates of Municipalities.*)

Upon written application of any county, sanitary district, or municipal corporation of this state, the commission shall fix or alter the rates (and only the rates) for water supplied within the boundaries of the applicant by any other county or municipal corporation, as if the supplying subdivision were a water company. This section shall not apply to Allegany County. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect Sections 345 and 347 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Baltimore County (1948 Edition).

SUBTITLE IV—FUNCTIONS, DUTIES, AND POWERS
OF THE COMMISSION

In General

49. (*Construction of Subtitle.*)

The commission shall supervise and regulate all public service companies subject to its jurisdiction, and shall enforce compliance by such companies with all the requirements of law, including, but not limited to requirements with respect to financial condition, capitalization, franchises, plant, manner of operation, rates, and service. The powers and duties enumerated specifically in this subtitle are not intended to limit the scope of the general powers and duties of the commission provided for by this Article.

Administrative Powers and Duties

50. (*Annual Report of Commission.*)

The commission shall make an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before the third Wednesday of February of each year, which shall contain copies of all commission rules, regulations and orders of the calendar year covered by the report, and any other information which the commission deems of value.

51. (*Interstate Commerce.*)

The commission shall study the rates and service of public service companies in interstate commerce beyond its jurisdiction, insofar as they affect the interests of the people of this State, and may apply to and appear before appropriate agencies of the Federal Government to protect such interests.

52. (*Joint Action.*)

The commission may act jointly or concurrently with any official board or commission of the United States or any state thereof or