

the District of Columbia in any proceedings relating to the regulation of public service companies. Such action may be under interstate compacts or agreements, or under the concurrent power of the states to regulate interstate commerce, or as an agency of the Federal Government, or otherwise.

53. (Legislation.)

The commission may conduct such proceedings as it may deem desirable with respect to proposed amendments to any law which in its judgment would affect the public interest in any aspect of the business of any public service company, and may recommend or prepare legislation as to any matter within or related to its jurisdiction. Upon request by the Governor, or the General Assembly or either house thereof, the commission shall conduct such proceedings, and report its conclusions to the person or body at whose request the proceedings were undertaken.

54. (Plant Inspection.)

The commission shall have the power in carrying out its duties under this article to examine and inspect any plant of any public service company, and for this purpose shall have access to such plant and shall be entitled to set up and use thereon such needful apparatus or appliances, and, to occupy such space therein as it may deem reasonably necessary for the purpose of such inspections, examinations, and tests.

55. (Proceedings.)

The commission shall institute and conduct any proceedings reasonably necessary and proper to the exercise of any of its powers, or the performance of any of its duties. The commission, any commissioner, the secretary to the commission, or any hearing examiner shall have the power to administer oaths, examine witnesses, and conduct hearings and any authorized personnel of the commission may perform any other acts necessary to the conduct of proceedings.

56. (Records.)

The commission shall have the power to examine any and all records of any public service company, to compel their production by subpoena duces tecum, and to require sworn copies to be filed with the commission.

57. (Rules and Regulations.)

The commission shall have the power to make such reasonable rules and regulations as it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this article and any other law relating to the commission.

*Financial Structure, Records and Reports
of Public Service Companies*

58. (Issuance of Stocks or Other Evidences of Indebtedness.)

(a) The commission shall authorize the issuance by any public service company of stocks, bonds, securities, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, payable in whole or in part more than twelve months