

general jurisdiction in the city or county in which the hearing is held.

(b) If any person refuses, without valid cause, when ordered by the commission, any commissioner or the secretary of the commission, to attend, or by the commission, any commissioner or any authorized hearing examiner to give any relevant testimony or to produce any relevant evidence, the commission or any commissioner may apply, upon affidavit setting forth such fact to any judge of a court of general jurisdiction for a rule or order returnable in not less than two nor more than five days, to show cause why such person should not be committed to jail. Upon the return of such order, if the judge hearing the matter determines that the said person has been guilty of such refusal, and persists therein, he may forthwith commit the offender to jail as in cases of contempt.

(c) No person shall be excused from giving testimony or producing evidence before the commission, upon proper order to do so, upon the ground that such testimony or evidence may tend to incriminate him or subject him to penalty or forfeiture; but no person shall be prosecuted, punished or subjected to penalty or forfeiture (except in case of perjury committed by him in giving evidence before the commission) for or on account of anything concerning which he gave evidence required by such order. The immunity conferred by this subsection shall extend only to natural persons and not to corporations.

75. (Rights of Parties to Hearing.)

Any party to any hearing shall have, in addition to any other rights to which he may be entitled:

(a) The right to summon witnesses, present evidence with respect to the issues involved, and present argument to the commissioners who are to render or approve the decision.

(b) The right of cross-examination and the right to submit rebuttal evidence.

(c) The right to take depositions within or without the State of Maryland, in accordance with the procedure provided by law or rule of court with respect to actions at law, subject to regulation by the commission to prevent undue delays.

(d) The right to require that the commissioners responsible for final decision personally consider the record in the case, or such portions thereof as may be cited by the parties.

76. (Records and Evidence.)

(a) In all hearings, the commission shall prepare an official record which shall include testimony and exhibits.

(b) All evidence, including records in the possession of the commission, of which the commission or parties litigant desire to avail themselves shall be offered and made a part of the record; and no other factual information or evidence shall be considered in the determination of the case.

(c) Copies of all records filed with or by the commission, certified by the commission as true copies of the originals, under the official