

seal of the commission, shall be evidence to the same extent as the originals.

(d) The commission may take notice of judicially cognizable facts and also of general, technical, or scientific facts within its specialized knowledge. Parties shall be notified in appropriate manner of the material so noticed, and shall be afforded an opportunity to contest the same.

77. (Burden of Proof.)

(a) In any proceeding before the commission in which the approval of the commission is applied for under Section 23 of this article (Franchises, Contracts, Securities), the burden shall be on the applicant to show by clear and satisfactory evidence that the granting of the application is required by, or consistent with the public interest, as the case may be, in addition to being in compliance with the other requirements of this article.

(b) In any proceeding involving a new rate, or change in any rate, whether temporary or permanent, the burden of proof shall be on the proponent of the new rate or change in rate.

78. (Decisions and Orders.)

(a) Every decision and order of the commission in any contested proceeding shall be in writing and shall state concisely the grounds for the commission's conclusions.

(b) Every person served with an order of the commission shall forthwith notify the commission in writing of receipt of service. Such notification on behalf of a corporation shall be signed by any person authorized to admit service.

(c) The commission may require in any order that within a time specified therein, notification must be given to the commission in like manner as provided in the preceding subsection, as to whether, and to what extent the order is accepted and will be obeyed.

(d) All orders of the commission shall take effect within such reasonable time as the commission may prescribe, and shall continue in force according to their terms, or until vacated, suspended, modified, or superseded by further order of the commission or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

79. (Rehearing.)

(a) Any party in interest may apply to the commission for rehearing within 30 days after service upon it of a final order. Action on such application shall lie in the discretion of the commission. If a rehearing is granted, the case shall be decided within 30 days after the case on rehearing is finally submitted.

(b) Unless the commission otherwise orders, neither the rehearing nor the application therefor shall stay the enforcement of any commission order, or excuse the persons affected by it for failure to comply with its terms.

(c) The commission may consider on rehearing facts not presented in the original hearing, including facts arising after the date of the original hearing, and may by new order abrogate, change, or modify its original order.