

cerning any carrier, and all expenses of any litigation, including appeals, arising from any such investigation or other proceeding, shall be borne by such carrier. Such expenses, with interest at not to exceed 6 per centum (6%) per annum may be charged to operating expenses and amortized over such period as the Commission shall deem proper and be allowed for in the rates to be charged by such carrier. When any such investigation or other proceeding has been initiated it shall be the duty of the carrier to pay to the Commission, from time to time, such reasonable sum or sums as, in the opinion of the Commission, are necessary to cover the expenses which by this section are required to be borne by such carrier. The money so paid by the carrier shall be deposited in the name and to the credit of the Commission, in any bank or other depository located in the Metropolitan District designated by the Commission, and may be disbursed by the Commission for the purpose of defraying expenses of the investigation, proceeding, or litigation in question. Any unexpended balance of the sum or sums so paid by such carrier remaining after the payment of such expenses shall be returned to such carrier.

(b) The amount expended by the Commission in any calendar year in all investigations or other proceedings of or concerning any one carrier shall not exceed—

(1) one-half of one per centum of the gross operating revenues of such carrier, derived from transportation subject to this sub-title, for its last preceding fiscal year; or

(2) in the case of a carrier which was not engaged in such transportation during the whole of its last preceding fiscal year, one-half of 1 per centum of the average gross operating revenues, derived from transportation subject to this sub-title, of all other carriers (exclusive of carriers to which this subparagraph (2) applies) for their last preceding fiscal year.

(c) For the purpose of subsections (a) and (b) of this section—

The provisions of this section shall apply to any person engaged in transportation subject to the sub-title and any person who makes application under Section 287 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

Applicability of Other Laws

303. (a) Upon the date this sub-title becomes effective, the applicability of all laws of the signatories, relating to or affecting transportation subject to this sub-title and to persons engaged therein, and all rules, regulations and orders promulgated or issued thereunder, shall except to the extent in this sub-title specified, be suspended, except that—

(1) The laws of the signatories relating to inspection of equipment and facilities, wages and hours of employees, insurance or similar security requirements, school fares, and free transportation for policemen and firemen shall remain in force and effect.

(2) Upon the date this sub-title becomes effective, Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity or Permits issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission to any carrier subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission shall be suspended only during the existence of this compact, provided such suspension shall not affect the authority