

thereof, or, in the absence of such agreements, establish and maintain through routes and joint fares in accordance with orders issued by the Public Service Commission directed to the private carriers when the terms and conditions for such through service and joint fares are acceptable to it.

~~§§~~ 31. *Fares and service by Authority.*

(a) *Standards.* Insofar as practicable, and consistent with the provision of adequate service at reasonable fares, the rates and fares charged for and services provided by the transit facilities owned or controlled by the Authority shall be fixed by the Authority so as to result in revenues which will:

(1) pay the operating expenses and provide for the repairs, maintenance, depreciation, and replacement of the transit facilities owned or controlled by the Authority;

(2) provide for payment of all principal and interest on outstanding revenue bonds and other obligations and for the payment of all amounts to sinking funds and other funds as may be required by the terms of any indenture or agreement;

(3) provide for the purchase, lease or acquisition of rolling stock, including provisions for interest, sinking funds, reserve funds, or other funds required for payment of any obligations incurred by the Authority for the acquisition of rolling stock; and

(4) provide funds for any purpose the Authority deems necessary and desirable to carry out the purposes of this Article.

~~§§~~ 32. *Hearings.*

(a) *Hearings required.* The Authority may not make or change any fare or rate, nor establish or abandon any route except after holding a public hearing with respect thereto.

(b) *Request for hearing.* Any person, firm or association served by or using the transit facilities owned or controlled by the Authority, including the People's Counsel to the Public Service Commission as a representative of the public in general, and any private carrier operating in the District may file a request with the Authority for a hearing with respect to any rates or charges made by the Authority or any service rendered with the transit facilities owned or controlled by the Authority. Such request shall be in writing, shall state the matter on which a hearing is requested and shall set forth clearly the matters and things on which the request relies. As promptly as possible after such a request is filed, the Authority, or such officer or employee as it may designate, shall confer with the protestant with respect to the matters complained of. After such conference, the Authority, if it deems the matter meritorious and of general significance, may call a hearing with respect to such request.

(c) *Notice for hearings.* The Authority shall give at least thirty days' notice for all hearings. The notice shall be given by publication in two or more newspapers of daily circulation throughout the District and such notice shall be published once a week for two successive weeks. The notice shall start with the day of first publication. In addition, the Authority shall post notices of the