

~~25.~~ 34. Operation of transit facilities.

The Authority may operate the transit facilities owned or controlled by it, whether such control is by ownership, lease or other arrangement, or may provide for the operation of such transit facilities, in whole or in part, by contract, lease or other arrangement.

~~26.~~ 35. Inadequacy of bus service by private carriers; subsidy payments.

In any situation in which the Public Service Commission is unable, through the exercise of its regulatory powers over private carriers, or, upon request by the Authority, fails or refuses to direct a private carrier to perform a service specified by the Authority, the Authority is authorized to perform such transit service by transit facilities owned or controlled by it as it may deem necessary to provide adequate transit service. In any such situation, the Authority, in order to encourage private carriers to render bus service to the fullest extent practicable, may, pursuant to agreement, make reasonable subsidy payments to any private carrier.

~~27.~~ 36. Acquisition of transit facilities ~~by~~ OF private carrier.

~~(a)~~ When and How transit facilities may be acquired. Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, when any private carrier is unwilling or unable to coordinate and integrate the service rendered by its transit facilities with the service rendered by the transit facilities owned or controlled by the Authority in conformance with the policy specified in Section ~~21~~ 30, or when the Authority shall determine that the continued existence of any private carrier would impede the development of a regional transit system or adversely affect its operations or the economic soundness thereof, or when the Authority otherwise deems it necessary to provide an adequate regional system, the Authority may, by purchase, lease or condemnation, acquire, in whole or in part, the assets and properties, real and personal, including rolling stock, shops, garages and terminals, and any other property or transit facilities used or useful in the operation of transit service in the District of any private carrier or may by purchase acquire the capital stock of any such private carrier.

~~28.~~ 37. Operations.

(a) The rights, benefits, and other employee protective conditions and remedies of Section 13(c) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, (49 U.S.C. 1609(c)), as determined by the Secretary of Labor, shall apply to the operation ~~of~~ BY the Authority of the transit facilities owned or controlled by it and to any contract or other arrangement for the operation of such transit facilities. Whenever the Authority shall operate ~~each~~ ANY transit facility or enter into any contractual or other arrangement for the operation of such transit facilities, the Authority shall take such action as may be necessary to extend to employees of affected mass transportation systems, in accordance with seniority, the first opportunity for reasonably comparable employment in any available non-supervisory job in respect to such operations for which they can qualify after a reasonable training period. Such employment shall not result in any worsening of the employee's position in his former employ-