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(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT ITS PROCEEDINGS EN BANC OR IN PANELS OF NOT LESS THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS. HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, PROVIDE THAT ONE HEARING EXAMINER BE INCLUDED ON A PANEL, IN LIEU OF A THIRD COMMISSIONER, IN ORDER TO CONSTITUTE A PANEL OF THREE.

(B) THE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE TO A HEARING EXAMINER THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT ANY PROCEEDING WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION. IN EACH DELEGATED PROCEEDING, THE HEARING EXAMINER SHALL CONDUCT THE HEARING AND ANY OTHER PROCEEDING THAT HE MAY DEEM NECESSARY AND PREPARE AND FILE WITH THE COMMISSION A PROPOSED ORDER, INCLUDING FINDINGS OF FACT, WHICH SHALL BECOME FINAL UNLESS APPEALED AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (C). THE PROPOSED ORDER SHALL BE SERVED ON ALL PARTIES TO THE PROCEEDING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH ITS BEING FILED WITH THE COMMISSION.

(C) ORDERS OF A PANEL CONSTITUTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (A) SHALL BE FINAL. A PROPOSED ORDER OF A HEARING EXAMINER SHALL BECOME FINAL UNLESS, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE FILING OF THAT ORDER WITH THE COMMISSION, AN APPEAL IS NOTED WITH THE COMMISSION BY ANY PARTY TO THE PROCEEDING. FOLLOWING THE NOTING OF AN APPEAL, THE COMMISSION PROMPTLY SHALL CONSIDER THE MATTER ON THE RECORD BEFORE THE HEARING EXAMINER, CONDUCT ANY FURTHER PROCEEDINGS (INCLUDING THE FILING OF BRIEFS AND THE HOLDING OF ORAL ARGUMENT), IT DEEMS NECESSARY AND, THEREAFTER, ISSUE A FINAL ORDER IN THE MATTER.

59A.

THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES SUBJECT TO ITS JURISDICTION WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TAXICABS, RADIO COMMON CARRIERS, POWER BOAT COMPANIES, TOLL BRIDGES, AND TOWING AND LIGHTERING COMPANIES TO FORMULATE AND, AFTER APPROVAL, TO IMPLEMENT LONG-RANGE PLANS FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICE. THE COMMISSION SHALL REVIEW PLANS FOR ADEQUACY UNDER THE GENERAL STANDARDS OF § 56, GIVING ATTENTION TO THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF SERVICES OF OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES AND TO PROVISIONS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TO ASSURE ADEQUATE SERVICE. UNLESS THE AUTHORITY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE SUCH PLANS HAS BEEN GRANTED TO ANOTHER AGENCY OF THE STATE BY ANOTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE COMMISSION SHALL REQUIRE ANY REVISIONS TO THOSE PLANS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE. AS PART OF THIS REVIEW, AND SUBJECT TO THE EXCEPTIONS PROVIDED IN ANY APPLICABLE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSULT WITH OTHER AGENCIES OF THE STATE AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

62A.

THE COMMISSION SHALL INITIATE AND CONDUCT ANY INVESTIGATION NECESSARY TO THE EXECUTION OF ITS POWERS OR