

[56A.

On and after June 1, 1969, the transportation and the persons engaged in rendering or performing such transportation, which were subject to the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan Transit Authority on May 31, 1969, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and all provisions of this Article 78 shall be applicable to such transportation and to such persons to the extent not inconsistent with the additional provisions set forth herein, which shall be applicable only to such transportation and persons.]

[56C.

Any and all funds in custody of the Metropolitan Transit Authority at the close of business on May 31, 1969, which are not obligated for expenses of the authority, shall be deposited with the State Treasurer to the General Fund of the State.]

68.

(a) The Commission shall have the power to determine just and reasonable rates of public service companies, whether as maximum, minimum or maximum and minimum, respectively. The rates so determined shall be fixed by order to be served upon each public service company affected thereby.

(b) [The Commission may not authorize telephone company charges to be levied for directory assistance prior to the time of adjournment of the 1977 session of the General Assembly of Maryland. The Public Service Commission and the people's counsel, with the cooperation of the telephone companies, shall prepare a report of the cost and service need and impact of telephone companies levying charges for directory assistance, and this report shall be presented by the Commission to the General Assembly at the commencement of the 1977 session.

(c)] The Commission may not authorize telephone company charges to be levied for directory assistance calls made by residential customers upon the first 12 calls made to directory assistance from each residential service per monthly billing cycle. The Commission may not authorize telephone company charges to be levied for directory assistance upon any person or persons who suffer from physical or visual handicaps which preclude their use of telephone directories and it may provide other exemptions which are just and reasonable.

[75A.

With respect to the transportation and persons engaged therein specified in 56A of this article, the Commission may order and direct: