

3. (A) A CARRIER OR ANY PERSON CONTROLLING, CONTROLLED BY, OR UNDER COMMON CONTROL WITH A CARRIER SHALL OBTAIN COMMISSION APPROVAL TO:

(I) CONSOLIDATE OR MERGE ANY PART OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, OR OPERATION OF ITS PROPERTY OR FRANCHISE WITH A CARRIER THAT OPERATES IN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT;

(II) PURCHASE, LEASE, OR CONTRACT TO OPERATE A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE PROPERTY OR FRANCHISE OF ANOTHER CARRIER THAT OPERATES IN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT; OR

(III) ACQUIRE CONTROL OF ANOTHER CARRIER THAT OPERATES IN THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT THROUGH OWNERSHIP OF ITS STOCK OR OTHER MEANS.

(B) APPLICATION FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF A TRANSACTION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE IN THE FORM AND WITH THE INFORMATION THAT THE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION REQUIRE.

(C) IF THE COMMISSION FINDS, AFTER NOTICE AND HEARING, THAT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC INTEREST, THE COMMISSION SHALL PASS AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRANSACTION.

(D) PENDING DETERMINATION OF AN APPLICATION FILED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSION MAY GRANT "TEMPORARY APPROVAL" WITHOUT A HEARING OR OTHER PROCEEDING UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 180 CONSECUTIVE DAYS IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES THAT GRANT TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

~~USE-OF-OPERATING-AUTHORITY~~

~~4.---A---PERSON---OTHER---THAN---THE---PERSON---TO---WHOM---AN---OPERATING
AUTHORITY---IS---ISSUED---BY---THE---COMMISSION---MAY---NOT---LEASE,---RENT,---OR
OTHERWISE---USE---THAT---OPERATING---AUTHORITY.~~

ARTICLE XIII

INVESTIGATIONS BY THE COMMISSION AND COMPLAINTS

1. (A) A PERSON MAY FILE A WRITTEN COMPLAINT WITH THE COMMISSION REGARDING ANYTHING DONE OR OMITTED BY A PERSON IN VIOLATION OF A PROVISION OF THIS ACT, OR IN VIOLATION OF A REQUIREMENT ESTABLISHED UNDER IT.

(B) (I) IF THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT SATISFY THE COMPLAINT AND THE FACTS SUGGEST THAT THERE ARE REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR AN INVESTIGATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL INVESTIGATE THE MATTER.