SESSION LAWS, 1953.

CHAPTER 162.

[S.B. 223.]

TAXATION-HEARINGS ON ASSESSMENTS OF PUBLIC UTILITY PROPERTY.

AN ACT relating to taxation, pertaining to the time and place of hearings before the tax commission on the assessment of public utility property; and amending section 84.12.130, RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 84.12.130, RCW, as derived from section 13, chapter 123, Laws of 1935 as amended, is amended as follows:

At any time between the tenth and twenty-fifth days of July, inclusive, following the making of the Hearings on assessments. assessment, every company shall be entitled on its own motion, presented to the commission before the tenth day of July, to a hearing and to present evidence before the commission, relating to the value of its operating property and to the value of other taxable property in the counties in which its operating property is situate. Upon request in writing for such hearing, the commission shall appoint a time and place therefor, within the period aforesaid, the hearing to be conducted in such manner as the commission shall direct. Hearings provided for in this section may be held at such times and in such places throughout the state as the commission may deem proper or necessary, may be adjourned from time to time and from place to place and may be conducted by the commission or by such member or members thereof as may be duly delegated to act for it. Testimony taken before less than the entire commission shall be reported and a transcript thereof filed with the commission prior to its decision.

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Time and place.

Determined by commission.