

district funds, and he shall maintain such special funds as may be created by the commission, into which he shall place all money as the commission may, by resolution, direct.

All district funds shall be deposited with the county depositories under the same restrictions, contracts, and security as provided for county depositories, and all interest collected thereon shall belong to the district and be deposited to its credit in the proper district funds.

A district may provide and require a reasonable bond of the treasurer or any other person handling moneys or securities of the district: *Provided*, That the district pays the premium thereon.

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CHAPTER 125.

[S. B. 273.]

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES—REPORTS, FEES.

AN ACT relating to public service companies; amending sections 1, 2 and 3, chapter 123, Laws of 1939, sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, chapter 158, Laws of 1937, and section 1, chapter 124, Laws of 1949, and RCW 80.24.010, 80.24.020, 81.24.010, 81.24.020, 81.24.030, 81.24.040, 81.24.050, 81.68.050 and 81.84.040, and declaring an emergency.

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

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Sections 1, 2 and 3, chapter 123, Laws of 1939, sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, chapter 158, Laws of 1937, as last amended by section 1, chapter 124, Laws of 1949 (heretofore divided, combined and codified as RCW 80.24.010, 80.24.020, 81.24.010, 81.24.020, 81.24.030, 81.24.040, 81.24.050, 81.68.050 and 81.84-.040) are amended as set forth in sections 2 through 10 of this act.

SEC. 2. (RCW 80.24.010) Every public service company subject to regulation by the commission shall, on or before the first day of April of each year, file with the commission a statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding calendar year or portion thereof and pay to the commission a fee equal to one-tenth of one percent of the first fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue, plus two-tenths of one percent of any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the fee shall in no case be less than one dollar.

Public utility regulatory fees; report and rate.

The percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be paid in any year may be decreased by the commission for any class of companies subject to the payment of such fees, by general order entered before March 1st of such year, and for such purpose such companies shall be classified as follows:

Rate decrease.

Electrical, gas, water, telephone, telegraph, and irrigation companies shall constitute class one. Every other company subject to regulation by the commission, for which regulatory fees are not otherwise fixed by law shall pay fees as herein provided and shall constitute additional classes according to kinds of businesses engaged in.

Classification of utilities.

SEC. 3. (RCW 80.24.020) In fixing the percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be paid in any year, the commission shall consider all moneys then in the public service revolving fund and the fees currently to be paid into such fund, to the end that the fees collected from the several classes of companies shall be approximately the same as the reasonable cost of supervising and regulating such classes of companies.

Considerations for fixing rates.

SEC. 4. (RCW 81.24.010) Every company subject to regulation by the commission, except auto transportation companies, steamboat companies, wharfingers or warehousemen, motor freight carriers, and

Carrier regulatory fees; report and rate.

storage warehousemen shall, on or before the first day of April of each year, file with the commission a statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding calendar year, or portion thereof, and pay to the commission a fee equal to one-tenth of one percent of the first fifty thousand dollars of gross operating revenue, plus two-tenths of one per cent of any gross operating revenue in excess of fifty thousand dollars, except railroad companies which shall each pay to the commission a fee equal to one-fourth of one percent of its intrastate gross operating revenue: *Provided*, That the fee shall in no case be less than one dollar.

Rate decrease.

The percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be paid in any year may be decreased by the commission for any class of companies subject to the payment of such fees, by general order entered before March 1st of such year, and for such purpose such companies shall be classified as follows: Railroad, street railroad, express, sleeping car, and toll bridge companies shall constitute class one. Every other company subject to regulation by the commission, for which regulatory fees are not otherwise fixed by law shall pay fees as herein provided and shall constitute additional classes according to kinds of businesses engaged in.

Classification of carriers.**Auto transportation companies.**

SEC. 5. (RCW 81.24.020) Every auto transportation company shall, between the first and fifteenth days of January, April, July and October of each year, file with the commission a statement showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding three months, or portion thereof, and pay to the commission a fee of two-fifths of one percent of the amount of gross operating revenue: *Provided*, That the fee paid shall in no case be less than two dollars and fifty cents.

The percentage rate of gross operating revenue to be paid in any period may be decreased by the commission by general order entered before the fifteenth day of the month preceding the month in which such fees are due. Rate decrease.

SEC. 6. (RCW 81.24.030) Every steamboat company and every wharfinger or warehouseman shall, on or before the first day of April of each year, file with the commission a statement on oath showing its gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding calendar year, or portion thereof, and pay to the commission a fee of two-fifths of one percent of the amount of gross operating revenue: *Provided*, That the fee so paid shall in no case be less than five dollars. The percentage rate of gross operating revenue to be paid in any year may be decreased by the commission by general order entered before March 1st of such year. Steamboat companies, wharfingers and warehousemen.
Rate decrease.

SEC. 7. (RCW 81.24.040) Every storage warehouseman shall, on or before the thirty-first day of March, 1950, and of each year thereafter, file with the commission an annual report under oath, on forms to be provided by the commission, showing his gross operating revenue from intrastate operations for the preceding calendar year ending December 31st, or portion thereof, and pay to the commission one percent of such gross operating revenue: *Provided*, That the fee so paid shall in no case be less than ten dollars: *Provided further*, That for the year 1950 the amount yet remaining due shall be computed to give credit for amounts paid during that year. The percentage rate of gross operating revenue to be paid in any year may be decreased by the commission by general order entered before March 1st of such year. Storage warehousemen.
Rate decrease.

SEC. 8. (RCW 81.24.050) In fixing the percentage rates of gross operating revenue to be paid by com-

Considerations for fixing rates.

panies under RCW 81.24.010, 81.24.020, 81.24.030 and 81.24.040, the commission shall consider all moneys then in the public service revolving fund and the fees currently to be paid into such fund, to the end that the fees collected from the companies, or classes of companies, covered by each respective section shall be approximately the same as the reasonable cost of supervising and regulating such companies, or classes of companies, respectively.

Auto transportation companies; miscellaneous fees.

SEC. 9. (RCW 81.68.050) The commission shall collect the following miscellaneous fees from auto transportation companies:

Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity or to amend a certificate, twenty-five dollars; application to sell, lease, mortgage, or transfer a certificate of public convenience and necessity or any interest therein, ten dollars.

Steamboat companies; miscellaneous fees.

SEC. 10. (RCW 81.84.040) The commission shall collect the following miscellaneous fees from steamboat companies: Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, or to amend certificate, fifty dollars; application to sell, lease, mortgage, or transfer certificate or any interest therein, ten dollars.

Emergency.

SEC. 11. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety, support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect April 1, 1955.

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