

eminent domain shall be used exclusively for the purposes for which it was acquired.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1915.

Passed the House March 10, 1915.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1915.

CHAPTER 133.

[S. B. 258.]

INCREASE IN RATES OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES.

AN ACT relating to the suspension by the Public Service Commission of increases in rates by public service companies and amending section 8626-82 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 8626-82 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 8626-82. Increase in Rates—Suspension—Burden of Proof.

Whenever any public service company shall file with the commission any schedule, classification, rule or regulation, the effect of which is to increase any rate, fare, charge, rental or toll theretofore charged, the commission shall have power, either upon its own motion or upon complaint, upon notice, to enter upon a hearing concerning such proposed increase and the reasonableness and justness thereof, and pending such hearing and the decision thereon the commission may suspend the operation of such rate, fare, charge, rental or toll for a period of ninety (90) days from the time the same would otherwise go into effect, and after a full hearing the commission may make such order in reference thereto as would be provided in a hearing initiated after the same had become effective: *Provided*, That if any such hearing cannot be concluded within the period of suspension, as above stated, the commission may,

Increase
in rates.

Suspension
pending
hearings.

in its discretion, extend the time of suspension for a further period not exceeding sixty (60) days.

At any hearing involving any change in any schedule, classification, rule, or regulation, the effect of which is to increase any rate, fare, charge, rental or toll theretofore charged, the burden of proof to show that the changed schedule, classification, rule, or regulation, or the increased or proposed increased rate, fare, charge, rental or toll, is just and reasonable shall be upon the public service company.

Burden of proof on company.

The commission shall give to the hearing and decision of such questions preference over all other questions pending before it and shall decide the same as speedily as possible.

Preference in hearings.

If the commission shall at the conclusion of the hearing refuse to permit such increase, either in whole or in part, no supersedeas shall be granted in any action or proceeding brought to review the order of the commission pending the final determination of such action by the superior court, or, if appealed to the supreme court, by such supreme court.

No supersedeas pending review by courts.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1915.

Passed the House March 10, 1915.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1915.

CHAPTER 134.

[Amended S. B. 58.]

ASSESSMENT OF HARBOR AREA LEASEHOLDS FOR LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS.

AN ACT relating to special assessments upon harbor area leasehold interests in cities and towns.

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

SECTION 1. That all leasehold rights and interests of private persons, firms or corporations in or to harbor areas located within the corporate limits of any incorporated

Authorizing assessment of harbor area lease holds.