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CHAPTER 7

INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTS

Sec.

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In the event of an accident resulting in the loss of human life occurring upon the premises of any public utility or directly or indirectly arising from or connected with its maintenance or operation, the commission shall cause an investigation thereof to be made forthwith. In the event of any such accident resulting in personal injury or damage to property, the commission may make such investigation if in its judgment the public interest requires it, which investigation shall be held in the locality of the accident, unless for the greater convenience of those concerned it shall order such investigation to be held at some other place. Such investigation may adjourn from place to place as may be found necessary and convenient. The commission shall seasonably notify the public utility of the time and place of the investigation, and such public utility may then be heard; and the commission shall have power to make such order or recommendation with respect thereto as in its judgment may seem just and reasonable. Every public utility is required to file with the commission, under such rules and regulations as the commission may prescribe, reports of accidents so occurring, in the manner and form designated by the commission. In case of accidents resulting in loss of human life, such reports shall be made immediately by telephone or telegraph followed by a detailed written report. Neither the order nor recommendation of the commission nor any accident report filed with the commission shall be admitted as evidence in any action for damages based on or arising out of the loss of life or injury to person or property referred to in this section.

R.S.1954, c. 44, § 42.