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THE MICHIE COMPANY  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
1955

**Sec. 61. Notice of public hearing.**

Whenever any public utility, except a common carrier or carrier of persons or property for hire, has been notified by the commission that a public hearing will be held as provided in section 35 or section 57 and it appears to the commission that reasonable publicity has not or will not be given, by newspaper publication or otherwise, of the time and place of said hearing and the general nature thereof, the commission, in its discretion, may, by written notice to such public utility, require it to give such reasonable notice as the commission shall specify of the time and place of such public hearing to each of the subscribers affected or to be affected by such rates or service and to file at the same time in the office of the clerk of the municipalities wherein such subscribers reside such pertinent information as the commission may prescribe as to rates and services involved, including schedules of any proposed rates. Such notice by said public utility shall be given by first class mail and shall include a statement that such pertinent information as to such rates or service is on file in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein such subscriber resides. Nothing in this section shall relieve such utility from the provisions of section 31. (R. S. c. 40, § 60. 1955, c. 202.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment added the above paragraph at the end of this section. As the rest of the section was not changed, it is not set out.

**Sec. 66. Record of proceedings.**—A full and complete record shall be kept of all proceedings had before the commission and of any investigation or formal public hearing and all testimony shall be taken by a hearings reporter to be appointed by the commission subject to the provisions of the personnel law. (R. S. c. 40, § 65. 1955, c. 50.)

**Effect of amendment.**—The 1955 amendment substituted the words "hearings reporter" for the word "stenographer."

**Sec. 71. Burden of proof.**

Applied in *Central Maine Power Co. v. Public Utilities Comm.*, 150 Me. 257, 109 A. (2d) 512.

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**Chapter 45.****Steam Railroads—Organization and Construction.**

Section 80. Minimum Distance for Clearance.

**Minimum Distance for Clearance.**

**Sec. 80. Minimum distance for clearance.**—The public utilities commission shall have the right to prescribe a minimum distance for clearance of any structure, pole or other object over or beside any railroad track; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to any structure, pole or other object in existence over or beside any railroad track on or before September 1, 1955. (1955, c. 259.)

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**Chapter 46.****Steam Railroads—Management and Operation.****Safety Provisions.**

**Sec. 77.** Repealed by Public Laws 1955, c. 52.

**Sec. 90. Crossing designated.**—The public utilities commission shall