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**New York State Public Service Commission Reports of
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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series consists of reports of decisions issued by the Public Service Commission. The reports contain transcripts of opinions and decisions issued by the two district commissions on transportation regulatory hearings held by them. The hearings deal with issues such as rights of companies to construct extensions, transportation rates, accidents, filing of reports, passenger accommodations and safety, elimination of grade crossings, applications to issue stock, alterations of train schedules, and extensions of companies' zones of service.
Creator:	New York (State). Public Service Commission
Title:	Reports of decisions of the Public Service Commission
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Quantity:	(18 volumes)
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Arrangement

First District reports: numeric by case number.

Second District reports: chronological by date of decision.

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Administrative History

Chapter 424 of the Laws of 1907 replaced various existing state regulatory authorities with the Public Service Commission, which was divided into two districts.

The first district had jurisdiction within the counties of Kings, New York, Queens and Richmond, comprising New York City. The second district was responsible for the remainder of the state.

In 1919 the first district commission was reduced to a single Public Service Commissioner and two years later the two public service districts were abolished entirely and replaced by a single Public Service Commission.

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Scope and Content Note

This series consists of eighteen bound volumes containing printed "reports of decisions" issued by the Public Service Commission between 1907 and 1920.

Nine of the volumes in the series pertain to decisions rendered by the first district commissioners (1907-1918) and the other nine contain decisions issued by the second district (1907-1920). The reports contain transcripts of opinions and decisions issued by the two district commissions on transportation regulatory hearings held by them. The hearings deal with various issues such as rights of companies to construct extensions, transportation rates, accidents, filing of reports, passenger accommodations and safety, elimination of grade crossings, applications to issue stock, alterations of train schedules, and extensions of companies' zones of service.

The format and contents of the two district commissions' reports differ. The reports of the first district contain several detailed indexes and tables. These include table of cases reported, table of orders quoted from, table of cases cited from, table of statutes cited, companies index, localities index, table of determinations by the commission passed upon by courts, and a table of New York Statutes affecting public utilities. In addition, the volumes contain a copy of the Public Service Commissions Law and rules of practice of the commission for the first district.

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Related Information

Related Material

B0299Series B0299, Annual Reports of the Public Service Commission, contains material relevant to many of the cases contained in the reports of decisions.

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Other Finding Aids

Available at Repository

Each volume contains index listing cases alphabetically; reports of the second division also provide subject access.

Container list.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Access Terms

- Regulating
- Reports
- Railroads
- New York (State)
- Urban transportation
- Transportation and state
- Local transit
- New York (State). Department of Public Service