

Mr. Moss. You know, I was in business before I came here and I think if you have a too-slow depreciation, you are under rather bad management. This can be a problem, too.

Mr. SWIDLER. Well, they were using a method of depreciation which conformed with our system of accounts and with the requirements of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Now, the big question is going to come when they want to change, after a number of years, to a different system of accounting, and that is a reserved question.

I think the real question is not one of too high or too low but of consistency.

This is a question we will reach in due course and which must come to us before they change.

Mr. Moss. Well, I mentioned it because it seemed to me that the impact of your testimony was that the dissent was idle——

Mr. SWIDLER. No, sir——

Mr. Moss (continuing). And that you were trying to use a leverage for something improper. Yet these are proper areas to concern the Commission, are they not?

Mr. SWIDLER. We thought—I think the majority thought that this would be going too far.

Mr. Moss. In this instance——

Mr. SWIDLER. I think it was perfectly in order for Mr. Morgan to have a different opinion expressed in a way that was not disruptive.

Mr. Moss. This is my question—In this instance was it not a proper area for concern of the Commission? They are, as a matter of fact, the Commission's business, are they not?

Mr. SWIDLER. Yes, sir, some of them were.

Mr. Moss. You didn't use——

Mr. SWIDLER. Some were; some were.

Mr. Moss. Well, which ones were not?

Mr. SWIDLER. Well, I think the level of the intrastate rates was a doubtful one.

Mr. Moss. Well, most of this, being wholesale, was an interstate, wasn't it?

Mr. SWIDLER. No, sir, I think——

Mr. Moss. A fair amount——

Mr. SWIDLER. Some of it was.

Mr. Moss. As I recall Mr. Morgan's discussion the other day, it was tied to the triggering effect of the Utah Light & Power.

Previous Commissions indicated that they might be in need to review these rates at that point.

Was that, in substance, what the previous Commission had observed?

Mr. SWIDLER. I think that so far as the level of interstate rates is concerned that this is a proper subject for the Commission and——

Mr. Moss. It went to interstate rates as well as intrastate, didn't it?

Mr. SWIDLER. What's that?

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