

merce Commission, the State Corporation Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or the Public Service Commission of the State of Maryland.

(b) Whenever required by the public convenience and necessity, the Commission, upon complaint or upon its own initiative, and after hearing held upon reasonable notice, may establish through routes and joint fares for transportation subject to this Act, and the regulations or practices affecting such fares, and the terms and conditions under which such through routes shall be operated.

(c) Whenever, upon complaint or upon its own initiative, and after hearing upon reasonable notice, the Commission is of the opinion that the divisions of any joint fare for transportation subject to this Act are or will be unjust, unreasonable, inequitable, or unduly preferential or prejudicial as between the participating carriers, the Commission shall prescribe the just, reasonable and equitable divisions thereof to be received by the participating carriers. The Commission may require the adjustment of divisions between such carriers from the date of filing the complaint or entry of the order of investigation, or such other date subsequent thereto as the Commission finds to be just, reasonable and equitable.

Taxicab Fares

8. The Commission shall have the duty and the power to prescribe reasonable rates for transportation by taxicab only between a point in the jurisdiction of one signatory party and a point in the jurisdiction of another signatory party provided both points are within the Metropolitan District. The fare or charge for such transportation may be calculated on a mileage basis, a zone basis, or on any other basis approved by the Commission; provided, however, that the Commission shall not require the installation of a taximeter in any taxicab when such a device is not permitted or required by the jurisdiction licensing and otherwise regulating the operation and service of such taxicab.

Security for the Protection of the Public

9. (a) No certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be issued under Section 4, and no certificate issued under