

class of positions in said Commission, and that minimum standards be set up for each position.

18. That the analysis by Senator Don Baldwin of this committee, of the book entitled *Overcharge* by Metcalf and Reinemer, together with the preliminary comments of the Oklahoma Tax Commission concerning the effect in Oklahoma of the allegations set forth in the said book and the analysis thereof, be referred to the Revenue and Taxation Committee of the Legislative Council for further study and recommendations.

19. That the appropriate committee of the Legislative Council study the question of the expediting the decisions of the Supreme Court in cases appealed from the Corporation Commission.

20. That the Rules of Procedure of the Corporation Commission should follow, insofar as possible, the Administrative Procedures Act, and that the Rules of Procedure and Regulations of the Corporation Commission should be updated and reduced to writing in a comprehensive codified form. Additional Rules of Procedure should be promulgated to insure a speedy hearing and early decisions of all matters before said Commission.

21. That the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma should be amended where necessary and legislation enacted to carry out all recommendations contained in this report.

22. That in addition to this report and the transcript of the testimony submitted to you herewith, that copies of this report, together with copies of the transcript of the testimony, be delivered to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Attorney General of the State of Oklahoma, the District Attorney for Oklahoma County, the Oklahoma Bar Association and the Governor of the State of Oklahoma, with the recommendation that the entire transcript be reviewed, together with this report, and that appropriate action be taken. It is also the recommendation of the Committee that copies of this report, together with copies of the transcript of the testimony, be made available to the Legislative Council and to the Bureau of Investigation of the State of Oklahoma.

While the above findings and recommendations do not represent the personal views of any one member of the Committee, they do represent, in most instances, a compromise worked out among all of the members of the Committee, and in all instances, they represent the views of a majority of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of August, 1967.

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EDITORIAL—UTILITIES HAVE STAKE IN SOUND REGULATION

Investor-owned utilities, and possibly the public and co-op utilities, too, have a big stake in sound regulation at both the state and federal levels.

Some of the more knowledgeable utility executives recognize this very clearly and have spoken out on the subject. Others have chosen to remain silent.

There are signs now that the whole state regulatory process will be publicly questioned. The apparent lack of aggressiveness on the part of some state commissions has been a favorite target for Sen. Lee Metcalf (D-Mont) during his decade-long tirade against investor-owned utilities.

In recent weeks questions of the adequacy of state utility regulatory commissions have been raised in two other quarters. A Senate Government Operations Subcommittee has published a study of commissioner qualifications, staff qualifications, salaries, staff sizes, and areas of authority of the various state commissions (EW, October 9, p 71). In making public the raw data from questionnaires sent to all state commissions, the Senate subcommittee does raise questions of the adequacy of commissioners, staff, and regulatory authority to provide sound regulation in some states.

On another front, the Consumers Assembly, which will hold its annual meeting in Washington November 2 and 3, has said it will focus a part of its program on the adequacy of state regulatory commissions. In advance publicity, the Assembly says that the commissions "with few exceptions are so under-