

examine and investigate the methods employed in bringing in, obtaining, manufacturing, delivering and supplying gas, and shall have access through its members or persons employed and authorized by it to make such examinations and investigations to all parts of the manufacturing plants owned, used or operated for the manufacture, transmission or distribution of gas or electricity by any such person or corporation. Any employee or agent of the Commission who divulges any fact or information which may come to his knowledge during the course of any such inspection or examination, except in so far as he may be directed by the Commission, or by a Court or Judge thereof, or authorized by law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Have full and plenary power to value the plant, property, appurtenances, assets and franchises of such corporations.

Have power, in its discretion, to prescribe uniform methods of keeping accounts, records and books, to be observed by the persons, gas corporations and electrical corporations engaged in the manufacture, sale and distribution of gas and electricity for light, heat or power.

Examine all persons and corporations under its supervision, keep informed as to the methods employed by them in the transaction of their business and see that their property is maintained and operated for the security and accommodation of the public and in compliance with the provisions of the law and of their franchises and charters.

Require every person and corporation under its supervision to submit to it an annual report, verified by the oath of the president, treasurer or general manager thereof, showing in detail: (1) The amount of its authorized capital stock and the amount thereof issued and outstanding; (2) the amount of its authorized bonded indebtedness and the amount of its bonds and other forms of evidence of indebtedness issued and outstanding; (3) its receipts and expenditures during the preceding year; (4) the amount paid as dividends upon its stock and as interest upon its bonds; (5) the names and amounts paid as salary to each officer, and the amounts paid as wages to its employees; (6) the location of its plant or plants and system, with a full description of its property and franchises, stating in detail how each franchise stated to be owned was acquired; and (7) such other facts pertaining to the operating and maintenance of the plant and system and the affairs of such persons or corporation as may be required by the Commission. Such reports shall be in the form, cover the period and be submitted at the time prescribed by the Commission. The Commission may, from time to time, make changes and additions in such forms, giving to the persons, corporations and municipi-