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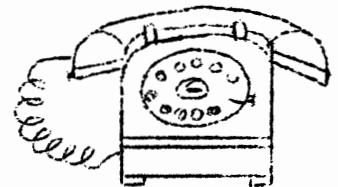
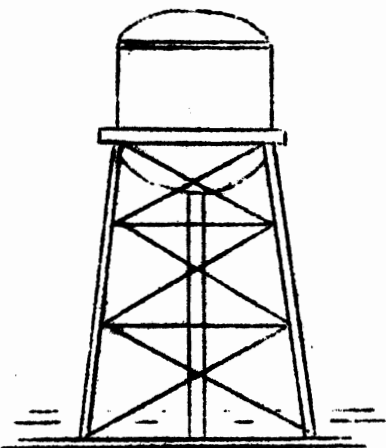
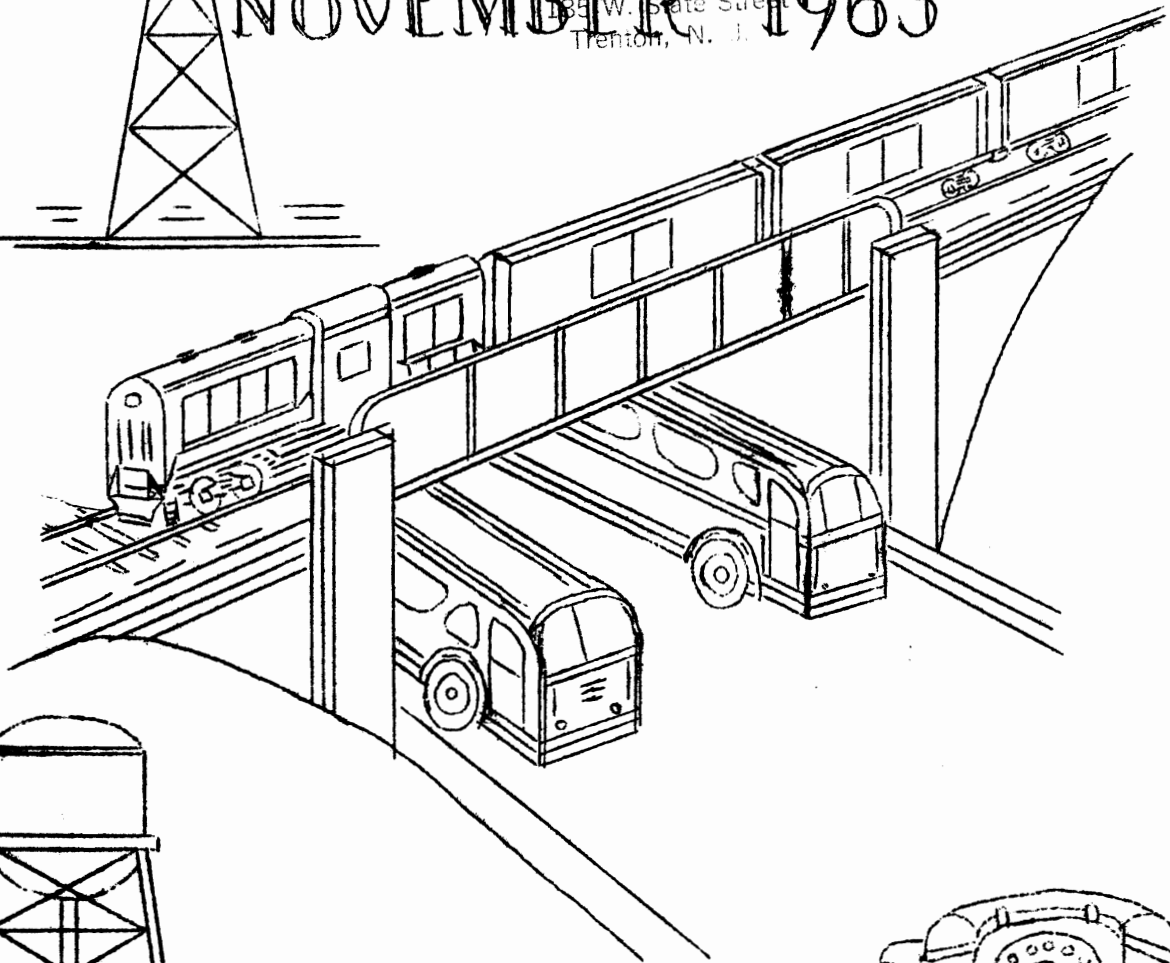
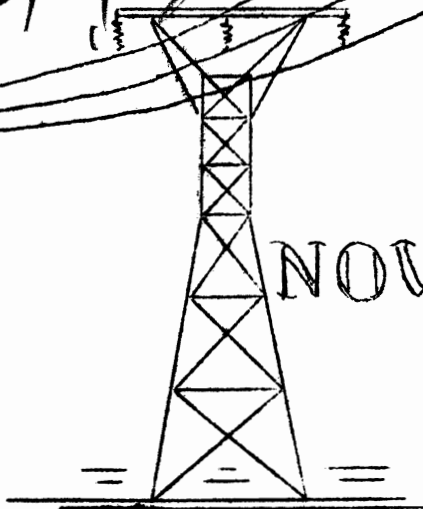
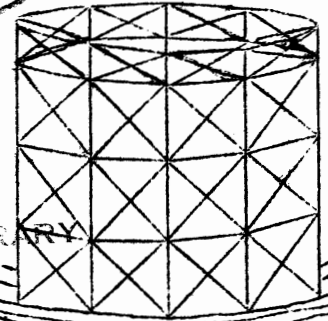
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NEW JERSEY  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

REPORT TO GOVERNOR RICHARD J. HUGHES  
FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1963

ACTIVITIES

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| Decisions Issued     | 55    |
| Petitions Filed      | 63    |
| Formal Hearings      | 33    |
| Informal Proceedings | 2,120 |

| <u>REVENUES</u>                                                  | <u>1962</u> | <u>1963</u>  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Filing Fees and Other Sources for the<br>Month of November       | \$ 6,675.87 | \$ 8,030.36  |
| Filing Fees and Other Sources for the<br>Months of July-November | \$68,080.32 | \$105,178.93 |

ELECTRIC UTILITY ENTERS WATER POWER BUSINESS

Jersey Central Power & Light Company became the first New Jersey electric utility to utilize a new law, passed by the New Jersey Legislature on June 14, 1963, and intended to enable New Jersey electric utilities to develop hydroelectric power, when the Board on November 20th, approved its petition for a merger with its subsidiary, Yards Creek Pumped Storage Power Company, a New Jersey corporation formed under the utility law as a water power company. The result of this will be a reservoir on the eastern face of the Kittatinny Mountains in the northwestern section of the State, whereby electric energy will be produced by the pumped water storage principle; i.e., during peak hours

water runs from a higher elevation to a lower elevation and is returned by pump during off-peak hours. Electric utilities participating in the project are New Jersey Power & Light Company and Public Service Electric and Gas Company which along with Jersey Central supply about 90% of the electricity used in the State.

#### BOARD RECONSIDERS AND MODIFIES SEWER RATES

Sewer rates of Ocean City Sewer Service Company were changed by the Board in its Order of November 20, 1963, reconsidering its prior decision, after the Company presented proof of a lease by Ocean City to the Company of city sewer facilities to be operated as part of the Company system. This lease will reduce the cost of the Company's planned construction program and consequently its rate base will drop from \$2,207,418 to \$1,695,850. A rate of return of 6.2% will be realized by the Company on this base with the rates to be effective June 1, 1964.

#### UTILITY RATES:- UP AND DOWN

Asking for a 10¢ bus fare increase and a zone boundary adjustment, Anello Bus Lines, operator of one bus on a route serving Vineland, Cumberland County and Buena Vista, Atlantic County, was granted the increase in the Board's Order of November 20th, since existing rates provided an inadequate return on the utility investment. The zone adjustment was denied because the proofs did not show a necessity for such action.

An annual saving of \$24,750 will be realized by New Jersey Bell Telephone Company subscribers after four rate filings offering additional types of equipment and expanding base rate areas for better service.

#### COURT SUIT AGAINST SEWER COMPANY PROGRESSES

In September, the Board sued the Bordentown Sewer Company in Chancery Court seeking to have the utility comply with a Board Order aimed at eliminating inefficient sewage treatment and disposal processes which had been casting offensive odors throughout the neighborhood of its plant. Following filing of the utility's answer to the Board's complaint, a pre-trial conference has been set by the court for January 17, 1964. Meanwhile, some improvement in the sewer plant has been made but the collection system and mains are still not operating up to standards fixed by the Board and the State Board of Health.

#### TRANSCO CASE BEFORE FPC CONTINUES

Representing the State and the Board, intervenors in the case on behalf of New Jersey rate-payers, a deputy attorney general attended a prehearing conference and a conference in Washington, D.C. on November 12th, where the issue is whether Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation should be permitted to transport natural gas through its pipeline to the Texaco plant in New Jersey. A further hearing is set for December 2nd.



## RAILROAD MATTERS

Hearings are completed on the Pennsylvania-New York Central railroad merger case before the I.C.C. The State is on record against the merger and, at several hearings, the Board's representatives made appearances.

## GRADE CROSSINGS

In November, on petition of the Borough of Pompton Lakes, the Board authorized the setting up of a new grade crossing in Pompton Lakes, Passaic County, over the tracks of the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad Co.; the widening of the grade crossing at Taylors' Lane in Cinnaminson Township, Burlington County, over the Pennsylvania R.R. Co. main line was approved on petition of the township; the underpass at Maple Street in New Providence, Union County, beneath the tracks of the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad was ordered to be reconstructed; on petition of Bergen County, approval was given by the Board for widening of a crossing in the Borough of Oakland, Bergen County, at grade with the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railroad Co. and time for project completion was extended in November; and 2 grade crossings over industrial spur lines were permitted to be established with protection provided by train crews, one in Bridgewater Township, Somerset County, over Central Railroad Co. tracks to serve an industrial park being developed by Chandler Realty Co., Inc., and the other in Hamilton Township, Mercer County, over the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. tracks to serve United States Plywood Corp.

#### ACQUISITION OF UTILITIES BY MUNICIPALITIES PLANNED

Three private utilities--River Edge Service Corp. (sewer service) Stafford Sewerage Corp., and Browntown Water Company--are proposed to be acquired by the Town of Hackettstown, Warren County; the Township of Cherry Hill, Camden County; and the Madison Township Municipal Utilities Authority, respectively, in petitions filed with the Board. In each case, all customer services allegedly will be continued.

#### 1,280 RESIDENTS IN WATCHUNG ASK FOR WATER SERVICE

In a petition to the Board for an order directing the Elizabethtown Water Company to extend water facilities into an area for service to 1,250 residents, the Borough of Watchung, in which Elizabethtown holds the only water franchise, urges that the request is reasonable as the utility is financially able to make the original expenditure and the expense is justified by the additional business received. The case is at issue, since the utility in its answer denied the petitioner's contentions and is set for formal hearing early in December.