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Hon. Richard J. Hughes
Governor, State of New Jersey
State House
Trenton, New Jersey

Cabinet Member Monthly

Re: Activities of the Department of Public Utilities
for May, 1966

Dear Governor Hughes:

I am submitting the following information regarding the major activities of this Department for the month of May, 1966.

1. On Wednesday, May 5, 1966, the Board denied the petition of the Erie-Lackawanna Railroad for total passenger train discontinuance in New Jersey. Selected curtailments were permitted, however, including complete discontinuance of four of the Railroad's most lightly patronized lines. The six lines which were ordered continued carry more than 90 percent of the Railroad's 35,000 daily commuters.

The Board estimated that a minimum savings of \$2,000,000 in annual operating costs would be realized by the Railroad as a result of its Order. This sum, when added to the \$3,500,000 which the Division of Railroad Transportation of the State Highway Department had testified was available for payment to the Railroad in the next fiscal year, virtually eliminates the Railroad's present passenger deficit.

The Railroad was ordered to file revised schedules in accordance with the Board's Order by June 1st, 1966. This date was subsequently extended to August 1st, 1966.

2. Hearings were commenced on the petition of Public Service Coordinated Transport for approval of increase in its basic fare structure. The company proposes to increase the fare for a multi-

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zone ride by 5¢ in the second zone, to increase by 5¢ the charge for transfer and exchange privileges and to increase by 10 percent those fares which are presently in excess of 75¢. A request was also made for temporary relief pending final disposition of the case, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21.1.

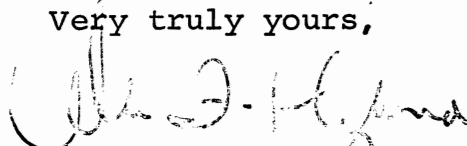
Arguments on the request for temporary relief on behalf of Public Service Coordinated Transport and Rate Counsel have been heard. It is anticipated that with the filing of briefs this aspect of the petition can be ruled upon by the Board shortly.

3. The Board has denied the petition of Davis Bus Service, Inc. for the operation of a new autobus route between the City of Burlington and the Township of Moorestown. Adequate service was found to exist between the areas in question.

4. Representatives of the Board and the staff attended a meeting of the Communications Problems Committee of the National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners. Two primary topics of the meeting for the Federal Communication Commission investigation into the rates of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and the revision of Separation procedures for the allocation of inter- and intrastate telephone revenues.

Several Separations proposals were reviewed, each of which would result in substantial reduction in the revenue requirements of New Jersey intrastate phone service. Such a reduction would make possible lower rates for many New Jersey telephone users.

Very truly yours,



William F. Hyland,
President

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