period shall be determined in accordance with the accounting practices now prescribed by the Public Utilities Commission, but the said deficiency shall not include any allowance for amortization of such company's property for obsolescence or loss to such company by reason of the termination of its franchise: *Provided further*, That such deficiency shall not exceed the increased labor costs approved by the Commissioners for the contract period and that this deficiency shall be further reduced by the increased income derived by such company from any fare increase which may be granted by the Public Utilities Commission as a direct offset to the increased labor costs.

Maryland.

SEC. 4. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia may, with the approval of the Public Service Commission of the State of Maryland, exercise any of the powers granted in this Act within the portion of the State of Maryland which is provided with public transportation by the Capital Transit Company (including subsidiaries).

Potomac Electric Co.

SEC. 5. Nothing in this Act shall affect the right of Capital Transit Company or its successors in interest to continue railroad service to the Potomac Electric Power Company as currently performed by the East Washington Railway Company, nor shall it affect its present rights with relation thereto.

Appropriation.

SEC. 6. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury to the credit of the District of Columbia not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary, if any, over and above the revenues received from operations herein provided for, to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Removal of properties and facilities.

SEC. 7. Effective as of the date of the termination of the charter and all rights of franchise of the Capital Transit Company as provided for in section 2 of this Act, such company shall, upon the order of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, remove from the streets and highways at its own expense all of its properties and facilities and shall thereupon restore such streets and highways in accordance with the provisions of the Act of July 1, 1941 (55 Stat. 499).

Separability.

SEC. 8. If any provision contained in this Act be declared invalid, such invalidity shall not be deemed to affect or impair the validity of the remainder or of any other part of this Act.

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AN ACT

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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease any unassigned lands on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Arizona, and for other purposes.

Colorado River Indian Reservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for a period of two years after the date of this Act the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to lease any unassigned lands on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, Arizona, that were set apart by the United States for the Indians of the Colorado River and its tributaries, for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, or business purposes, including the development or utilization of natural resources in connection with operations under such leases, for grazing purposes, and for those farming purposes which require the making of a substantial investment in the improvement of the land for the production of specialized crops as determined by said Secretary. All leases so granted shall be for a term of not to exceed twenty-five years, excepting leases for grazing purposes, which shall be for a term of not to exceed ten years. Leases

Term of leases.

for public, religious, educational, recreational, residential, or business purposes with the consent of both parties may include provisions authorizing their renewal for an additional term of not to exceed twenty-five years, and all leases and renewals shall be made under such terms and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. Income from leases on land in the southern reserve, as defined in ordinance numbered 5 of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, dated February 3, 1945, shall be segregated from income from leases on land in the northern reserve, as defined by such ordinance, and from leases on land on the California side of the Colorado River. All income received within two years after the date of this Act and prior to determination of the beneficial ownership of the lands, from leases on land in the northern reserve and land on the California side of the Colorado River may be expended by the Secretary for the benefit of the Colorado River Indian Tribes and their members. All income received within two years after the date of this Act and prior to determination of the beneficial ownership of the lands, from leases on land in the southern reserve may be expended by the Secretary for the development or improvement of any land in the southern reserve. All income received more than two years after the date of this act shall be held in a special account until the beneficial ownership of the land on the reservation has been determined. All income received after beneficial ownership has been determined shall be held in trust for the beneficial owners of the land from which the income was derived and shall be expended as otherwise authorized by law.

Income from leases.

SEC. 2. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed as recognizing any ownership in the Colorado River Indian Tribes or any other Indians or group of Indians, nor shall this Act be taken as creating any inference of liability or as impairing or affecting any of the defenses of the United States in any litigation now pending before the Court of Claims or the Indian Claims Commission.

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