

(a) that will reflect the annual decline in the net value that could be realized from the salvage of depreciable road property that the Committee is satisfied could or would be retired if the line were abandoned or the service discontinued, and that is required for continued operation; and

(b) at rates approved under the *Uniform Classification of Accounts* applied to the book value of such other depreciable assets and of such new assets as the Committee is satisfied are required for continued operation of the line or service.

(3) In computing the costs of a company for the purpose of section 256, 258 or 261, there shall be included in the costs, for the last year of operation prior to abandonment of a line or discontinuance of a service that had previously been ordered retained, an allowance for depreciation on such new assets as the Committee is satisfied are required to comply with the order for retention, which allowance for depreciation shall be equal to the undepreciated cost of such new assets calculated by deducting from the actual cost of the assets their salvage value and the accumulated depreciation allowed on them for subsidy purposes in previous years.

(4) In computing costs of a company for the purposes of section 253 or 260, there shall be included an allowance for cost of capital as follows:

(a) either

(i) the rate of return on capital, excluding any allowance for income tax, that, in the opinion of the Committee, is appropriate for the company at the time the application is made, applied to the salvage value of the road property that the company proposes to retire if the line is abandoned or the service discontinued, to an amount not exceeding the net book investment, computed on the basis of the group plan or accruing depreciation, or

(ii) the rate of return on capital, excluding any allowance for income tax, that, in the opinion of the Committee, is appropriate for the company at the time the application is made, applied to the net book investment of the road property that the company proposes to retire if the line is abandoned or the service discontinued, on condition that the company can develop depreciation charges and net investment calculations acceptable to the Committee as reflecting the specific aging characteristics of the road property; and

(b) the rate of return on capital, excluding any allowance for income tax, that, in the opinion of the Committee, is appropriate for the company at the time the application is made, applied to the net book value of all other property that the Committee is satisfied is required in the operation of the line or service.

(5) In computing the costs of a company for the purposes of section 256, 258 or 261, there shall be included an allowance for cost of capital as follows:

(a) the rate of return on capital, including an allowance for income tax, that, in the opinion of the Committee, is appropriate for the company at the time the computation is made, applied to the salvage value of the road property that the Committee is satisfied could or would be retired if the line were abandoned or the service discontinued and that the Committee is satisfied is required for purposes of continued operation of the line or service, to an amount not exceeding the net book investment computed on the basis of the group plan of accruing depreciation;