

- (a) the actual losses that are incurred in the operation of the passenger-train service;
- (b) the alternative transportation services, including any highway or highway system serving the principal points served by the passenger-train service, that are available or are likely to be available in the area served by the service; 5
- (c) the probable effect on other passenger-train service or other passenger carriers of the discontinuance of the service, or of parts thereof; 10 and
- (d) the probable future passenger transportation needs of the area served by the service.

Date of discontinuance of service.

(7) If the Commission determines that the operation of an uneconomic passenger-train service should be discontinued, the Commission shall by order fix such date or dates for the discontinuance of the operation of the service or parts thereof as to the Commission appears to be in the public interest; but a discontinuance date shall be 20

- (a) not earlier than thirty days from the date of the order; or
- (b) not later than two years from the date of the order.

Disposal of application otherwise.

(8) If the Commission determines that the operation of an uneconomic passenger-train service should not be discontinued, the Commission shall so order, and thereafter shall reconsider the application for discontinuance at intervals not exceeding five years from the date of the original application or last consideration thereof, as the case may be, for the purpose of determining whether the passenger-train service should be discontinued, and if 30

- (a) the Commission finds that the passenger-train service has, since the last consideration, become an economic passenger-train service, it shall reject the application for discontinuance of the passenger-train service without prejudice to any application that may subsequently be made for the discontinuance of that service; 35 40 or
- (b) the Commission finds that the passenger-train service continues to be an uneconomic service, it shall determine whether the service should be discontinued as provided in subsection (7) or continued as provided by this subsection. 45

Not applicable to commuter services.

(9) This section does not apply in respect of a passenger-train service accommodating principally persons who commute between points on the railway of the company providing the service. 50