

## CHAPTER 50

## SAVINGS BANKS

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**50.14 AUTHORIZED SECURITIES.***[For text of subds 1 to 11, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 12. Class eleven shall be the bonds of any corporation which at the time of such investment is incorporated under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, or the District of Columbia, and authorized to engage, and engaging, in the business of furnishing telephone service in the United States, provided that such corporation is subject to regulation by a public utility commission or similar federal or state regulatory body duly established by the laws of the United States or the states or state in which such corporation operates, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Such corporation shall have been in existence for a period of not less than eight fiscal years and at no time within such period of eight fiscal years next preceding the date of such investment shall said corporation have failed to pay promptly and regularly the matured principal and interest of all its indebtedness direct, assumed or guaranteed, but the period of life of the corporation, together with the period of life of any predecessor corporation or corporations from which a substantial portion of its property was acquired by consolidation, merger, purchase or as a successor corporation, shall be considered together in determining the required period; and such corporation shall file with the commissioner of commerce or make public in each year a statement and a report giving the income account covering the previous fiscal year and the balance sheet showing in reasonable detail the assets and liabilities at the end of such fiscal year.

(b) The book value of the outstanding capital stock of such corporation shall at the time of such investment be equal to at least two-thirds of its total funded debt.

(c) For a period of five fiscal years next preceding the date of such investment the net earnings of such corporation shall have been each year not less than twice the annual interest charges on its total funded debt applicable to that period, and for such period, the gross operating revenues of any such corporation shall have averaged per year not less than \$5,000,000.

(d) In determining the qualifications of any bond under this subdivision where a corporation shall have acquired its property or any substantial portion thereof within five years immediately preceding the date of such investment by consolidation, merger, purchase or as a successor corporation, the gross operating revenues, net earnings and interest charges of the predecessor or constituent corporations shall be consolidated and adjusted so as to ascertain whether the requirements of paragraph (c) have been complied with.

(e) The gross operating revenues and expenses of a corporation for the purpose of this subdivision shall be respectively the total amount earned from the operation of, and the total expense of maintaining and operating, all property owned and operated or leased and operated by such corporation, as determined by the system of accounts prescribed by the public utility commission or similar federal or state regulatory body having jurisdiction in the matter.

(f) The net earnings of a corporation for the purpose of this subdivision shall be the balance obtained by deducting from its gross operating revenues its operating and maintenance expenses, taxes, other than federal and state income taxes, rentals, depreciation and provision, for renewals and retirements of the physical assets of the corporation, and by adding to said balance its income from securities and miscellaneous sources, but not, however, to exceed 15 percent of said balance. The term "funded

debt" shall be construed to mean all interest-bearing debt excepting therefrom unsecured obligations maturing within one year of date of issue.

(g) Such bonds must be a part of an original issue or of a subsequent series of bonds of the aggregate amount of not less than \$5,000,000, both the original issue and the subsequent series being protected by the same mortgage provisions, and must be secured by a first or refunding mortgage, and the aggregate principal amount of bonds secured by such first or refunding mortgage plus the principal amount of all the underlying outstanding bonds shall not exceed 60 percent of the value of the property, real and personal, owned absolutely as shown by the books of the corporation and subject to the lien of such mortgage, provided that if a refunding mortgage, it must provide for the retirement of all bonds secured by prior liens on the property. Not more than 33-1/3 percent of the property constituting the specific security for such bonds may consist of stock or unsecured obligations of affiliated or other telephone companies, or both. No such savings banks shall loan upon or invest in bonds of such telephone companies in an amount exceeding in the aggregate ten percent of its deposits and surplus, nor exceeding five percent thereof in the bonds of any one telephone company.

*[For text of subds 13 to 18, see M.S.2002]*

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