

the feasibility and practicability of acquisition or construction, administrative, advertising and such other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the letting of construction contracts, to the revenue financing herein authorized and to the acquisition, construction and placing of a project in operation.

114B. (General Powers.) For the purpose of providing the residents of the City with adequate, efficient and dependable electric light and power service at reasonable rates, the City is hereby authorized, enabled and empowered:

(a) To acquire by purchase or to construct, or to partly acquire and partly construct, and to improve, repair, reconstruct, own, operate and maintain a project, the distribution lines of which may be constructed to any point within the corporate limits of the City, as fixed by Section 40 of this Article;

(b) To construct, maintain and operate any lines, pipes or conduits, forming a part of the project, along, upon, under and across publicly owned lands and public thoroughfares, including without limitation, all roads, highways, streets, alleys, bridges and causeways, after first securing the proper assent, subject to such reasonable conditions as may be prescribed, of the United States, the State of Maryland, the County Commissioners of Dorchester County or of any other political subdivision or public body corporate or instrumentality having jurisdiction, ownership or control of any such lands, thoroughfares, roads, highways, streets, alleys, bridges and causeways, and, for the purpose of any such construction, maintenance and operation, to negotiate, contract for or acquire by purchase the right to cross, use in common or abut any lands, rights of way or easements of any public service company;

(c) To incur the cost of acquisition of, and to acquire, all or any part of a project and to finance said cost of acquisition by the borrowing of money on its full faith and credit, or by the borrowing of money repayable solely from the earnings of such project, or by a combination of both methods, all in accordance with the provisions of this Act;

(d) To incur the cost of construction of, and to construct or contract for the construction of, all or any part of a project and to finance said cost of construction by the borrowing of money repayable solely from the earnings of such project;

(e) To distribute and sell for public and private consumption, within the corporate limits of the City as fixed by Section 40 of this Article, the energy produced by a project and to that end to fix and collect rates, fees and charges for such