

the last two readings, said meter being required to be placed on each water connection by, and at the sole expense of, the Commission. If the Commission at any time shall not have meters available to install in all the properties in a given locality that are connected with the system, then a flat rate shall be charged all properties in which meters have not yet been installed, which rate shall be uniform in each district and based on the amount of water used. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually, as the Commission may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereon payable at the office of the Commission; and if any bill shall remain unpaid after thirty days from date of sending, the Commission shall, after written notice left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off water from the property in question, and the water shall not be turned on again until said bill shall have been paid, including a penalty of two dollars. If any bill shall remain unpaid for sixty days after being sent by the Commission, it shall be collectible from the owner of the property served in the same manner as other debts are collectible in the County.

1927, ch. 676, sec. 16.

**438.** Said Commission shall have full power and authority to enter into any contract for the connection of its water supply, sewerage and drainage systems, with those of any other municipalities or adjoining counties for the purchase of water from them, and for the disposal of sewerage and drainage from any Sanitary District, and to enter into any other agreement concerning any other matter deemed by the Commission to be necessary, advisable or expedient for the proper construction, maintenance and operation of the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems under its control, or those under the control of other municipalities or Counties.

1927, ch. 676, sec. 17.

**439.** Whenever said Commission shall have extended its general water supply or sewerage system up to and is ready to connect with any municipally owned or privately owned water supply or sewerage system, whether within or outside of Anne Arundel County, and it deems it advisable and proper for the adequate operation of the system under its jurisdiction to take over the said water or sewerage system, it may purchase the same upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. In the event of failure to agree as to the purchase price or conditions of purchase of said water or sewerage system, whether privately or municipally owned, the said Commission may acquire the same by condemnation in the same manner as it is authorized to acquire land by this Act. In the condemnation of privately owned water or sewerage systems the jury shall take into consideration as a part of their award any payment, contribution or tax by the respective lot owners or purchasers toward the construction of said systems, and where said system or systems have been built in connection with or for the purpose of developing home sites, sub-divisions or villages, or by any individual, firm or corporation, and such system or systems have