

mission is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by condemnation or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain any lands, property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements and other property of any person, copartnership, association, railroad, public service, public utility or other corporation, or municipality (including Baltimore City) or political subdivision deemed necessary or convenient for the construction or the efficient operation of any project or necessary in the restoration of public or private property damaged or destroyed. Any such proceedings shall be conducted, and the compensation to be paid shall be ascertained and paid, in the manner provided by or referred to in Section 4 or Section 40 or Section 4B of this Article 89B or in Article 33A title "Eminent Domain" of the Annotated Code of Maryland, or in any of said sections or amendments thereto, or by the Constitution or any other law or laws of the State of Maryland then applicable which relate to condemnation or to the exercise of the power of eminent domain. The Commission is further authorized and empowered to exercise in this State and in any adjoining state, or in the District of Columbia or the City of Washington, such powers of eminent domain and such franchises as may be conferred upon this State or the Commission by any act of the Congress of the United States or any act of the Legislature of any adjoining State now in force or which may hereafter be enacted or which may be granted or assigned to the State or the Commission. Title to any property acquired by the Commission shall be taken in the name of the State. In any condemnation proceedings the court having jurisdiction of the suit, action or proceeding may make such orders as may be just to the Commission and to the owners of the property to be condemned and may require an undertaking or other security to secure such owners against any loss or damage by reason of the failure of the Commission to accept and pay for the property, but neither such undertaking or security nor any act or obligation of the Commission shall impose any liability upon the State except as may be paid from the funds provided under the authority of this sub-title.

If the owner, lessee or occupier of any property to be condemned shall refuse to remove his personal property therefrom or give up possession thereof, the Commission may proceed to obtain possession in any manner now or hereafter provided by law.

With respect to any railroad property or right-of-way upon which railroad tracks are located, any powers of condemnation or of eminent domain may be exercised to acquire only an easement interest therein which shall be located either