

energy, which rates, fees and charges may be graduated or determined in accordance with volume of consumption or otherwise, and shall be fixed or determined on such a basis as to produce sufficient revenue after payment of costs of operation and maintenance to defray over a period of years any indebtedness incurred in the cost of acquisition or in the cost of construction, and to produce a reasonable return to the City;

(f) To delegate the duties of operation and maintenance of any project to a commission appointed in the manner hereinafter prescribed;

(g) To authorize the Commission hereinafter provided for, its agents or employees, to enter upon any private property in the City for the purpose of installing, servicing or repairing any equipment of the City or of a private person used to conduct and supply the energy distributed by and through a project and, also, for the purpose of periodic meter reading necessary to the determination of the amount of energy consumed;

(h) To do and perform any other acts and things which may be reasonably necessary, convenient or appropriate to the acquisition by purchase or construction of a project or its efficient operation, maintenance and repair.

Provided, however, that the powers granted by Sections 114A to 114Q, inclusive, of this Article, shall be exercised at all times by the City subject to the full jurisdiction, power and authority of the Public Service Commission of this State and only with the consent and approval of said Public Service Commission first had and obtained; and provided further that none of said powers (except the right to employ and pay out of the City's general funds the engineering, scientific and legal assistance authorized in Section 114C hereof) shall be exercised by the City unless and until the acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation of the project referred to in said Sections 114A to 114Q, inclusive, and the issuance of the general bonds or revenue bonds, or both, likewise referred to therein, have been consented to and authorized and approved by said Public Service Commission.

114C. (Technical Assistance and Construction Contracts.) In connection with the acquisition by purchase or construction, or partial acquisition by purchase and partial construction of a project, the City may employ a competent consulting engineer to make a study of a proposed project, to report on the feasibility thereof or upon the feasibility of a substitute plan for the acquisition by purchase or con-