

nated by the Commission, shall have power to hold and make investigations, inquiries and hearings concerning matters covered by the provisions of this sub-title, and, for the purposes of such investigations, inquiries or hearings, the Commission shall have, and may exercise, all the powers and authority conferred upon them by Section 15C of Article 1A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement).

55. ACQUISITION BY PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION. With respect to any building or structure existing at the time of the passage of this sub-title, and which does not conform to the regulations of this sub-title in the matter of height, the Commission may acquire by purchase or condemnation such estate or interest in any such building or structure and/or the land upon which the same is erected or constructed as is necessary to vest full and absolute ownership and control in perpetuity of the space above such land to the extent necessary to correct or abate the height of any such non-conforming building or structure to meet the requirements and regulations of this sub-title. Any and all such condemnation proceedings shall be instituted by the Commission in the name of "The State of Maryland", and any and all such purchases shall be made by the Commission in the name of "The State of Maryland" and all estate and interest so acquired by condemnation or by purchase shall be forthwith transferred and conveyed by the Commission to the county, municipality or other public authority owning, controlling or operating the airport or landing field affected, and said estate or interest shall thereupon and thereafter attach to the ownership of said Airport or Landing Field as an interest running with the land. Provided, however, that the Commission shall not exercise any of the powers conferred upon it by this section unless requested so to do in writing by the county, municipality or other public authority immediately concerned and until such county, municipality or other public authority shall have agreed with the Commission to satisfy and pay the purchase price or condemnation award as the same may be finally determined.

56. COSTS, CHARGES AND EXPENSES. Before instituting or conducting any such investigation, inquiry or hearing, and before instituting any action at law or in equity, as hereinbefore provided and authorized, the Commission must effect an agreement with the county, municipality or other public authority owning, operating or controlling the public Airport or Landing Field affected by any violation of this sub-title, whereby such county, municipality or other public authority shall undertake to assume and pay all costs, charges and ex-