

*as other debts are collectible in the County and said ready-to-serve charge, other service charges and all penalties shall be a first lien against said property.*

407. *The said Commission shall have full power and authority to CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE ONE OR MORE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS AND TO enter into any contract FOR THE CONNECTION OF ANY SUCH SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT WITH THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM OF ANY MUNICIPALITY OR OF ANY AGENCY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND for the connection of its water supply, sewerage or drainage systems, with those of any municipality, the Federal government or any agency thereof, for the purchase of water and for the disposal of sewage and other 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 OR SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS under its control, or those under the control of any municipality or the Federal government or any agency thereof.*

408. *The Commission is authorized and empowered to purchase or acquire by gift, any existing water, sewerage or drainage systems in Cecil County, or any other water, sewerage, or drainage systems in said County, which in its judgment are desirable or necessary for the purpose of providing adequate water or sewerage service or both for the residents of said County.*

409. *Whenever said Commission shall have extended its water supply or sewerage system up to and is ready to connect with any municipality owned or privately owned water supply or sewerage system within Cecil County, and it deems it advisable and proper for the adequate operation of the system under the 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, but before any part of the purchase price is paid, other than a nominal sum of money to bind the agreement, it shall be the duty of the vendor or agent to furnish a statement to said Commission setting forth all names and addresses of persons having any interest or claims against said property whatsoever, which shall be verified by an oath in writing. Thereupon it shall be the duty of said Commission to notify personally or by registered mail, return receipt requested, all persons having any interest whatsoever in said property, and in addition thereto the Commission shall give three weeks' notice of its intention to purchase said property in a newspaper or newspapers published within said County where the property is located, and each person having any claim whatsoever against said property shall file its, his or her claim with said Commission on or before the expiration date mentioned in said notice, at which time any and all persons will be heard and their rights determined by the Commission, which said hearing shall be final. In the event of failure to agree to the purchase price or condition 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 sub-title. In the condemnation of privately-owned water or sewerage systems the jury shall*