

436. *The said Commission shall have full power and authority to enter into any contract for the connection of its water supply or sewerage systems, with those of any municipality or adjoining county or state or any other governmental agency, for the purpose of water supply 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 or sewerage systems under its control, or those under the control of any municipality or county, or other governmental agency.*

437. *The Commission is authorized and empowered to purchase or acquire by gift, any existing water or sewerage systems in Wicomico County, or any other water or sewerage 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.*

438. *Whenever said Commission shall have extended its 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 Wicomico 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, 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 (3) 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 conditions of purchase of said water or sewerage system, when privately 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 take into consideration as a part of their award any payment, contribution or tax upon the respective lot owners or purchasers toward the construction of said system, and where said system or systems have been built in connection with or for the purpose of developing home sites, subdivisions or villages, or by any individuals, firm or corporation, and such system or systems have been offered as an inducement for the purchase of lot or land therein, the jury shall deduct from the determined value of the plant or system such sum as it may reasonably determine was added to the purchase price of said land or lots*