

(8) To acquire by gift, purchase or the exercise of the right of eminent domain, lands or rights in land or water rights in connection therewith; provided, however, that no property or any interest or estate therein owned by any county, city, town or other political sub-division of the State shall be acquired by the exercise of the power of eminent domain without the consent of the governing body of such county, city, town or political sub-division, nor any existing privately owned and operated water or sewerage system without the consent of the owners and operators thereof. At any time after ten days after the return and recordation of the verdict or award in any condemnation proceedings, the [Commission] *District* may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of said [reward] *award* and all costs taxed to that date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant. At the time of said payment, however, the [Commission] *District* shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment in such appeal or further proceedings.

(9) To combine any water system and any sewerage system as a single system for the purpose of operation and financing.

(10) To enter into contracts with the Federal Government, the State of Maryland, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or with any municipality, private corporation, co-partnership, association or individual or other District created under the provisions of this sub-title providing for or relating to the furnishing of services and facilities of any project of the District or in connection with the services and facilities rendered by any water system or sewerage system owned or controlled by the Federal Government or the State of Maryland, any agency or instrumentality thereof, and any municipality, private corporation, co-partnership, association or individual or other District created under the provisions of this sub-title.

(11) To contract with any municipality, county, corporation, individual or any Public Authority or District of this or any adjoining State, on such terms as the said Commission shall deem proper, for the construction and operation of any project which is in this State or in such adjoining State.

(12) To make and enter into all contracts or agreements, as the Commission may determine, which are necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and to the execution of the powers granted by this sub-title, including contracts with any Federal agency or with any county, on such terms and conditions as the Commission may approve, relating to (i) the use by such agency or by such county or the inhabitants thereof of any project acquired or constructed by the Commission under this sub-title or the services therefrom or the facilities thereof, or (ii) the use by the District of the services or facilities of any water system, or sewerage system owned or operated other than by the District. [Any such contract shall be subject to such provisions, limitations or conditions as may be contained in the resolution of the Commission authorizing bonds of the District.] Any such contract may provide for the collecting of fees, rates or charges for the services and facilities rendered to a county or to the inhabitants thereof by such county or by its agents or by the agents of the District, and for the enforcement of delinquent charges for such services and facilities. The provisions of any such contract and of any ordinance or resolution of the governing body