

amended, 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 subdivision 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 subdivision [], 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 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.

(1) To enter into contracts with the Federal Government, the State of Maryland, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or with any municipality, private corporation, copartnership, association or individual in connection with the services and facilities rendered by any water system [or], sewerage system or *surface water drainage system* owned or controlled by *the District*, the Federal Government or the State of Maryland, any agency or instrumentality thereof, and by any municipality, private corporation, copartnership, association or individual [or other District created under the provisions of this sub-title]. *Any such contract may provide, among other things, (i) for the connection of any water system, sewerage system or surface water drainage system of the District with any corresponding system owned or controlled as aforesaid, (ii) for the supplying or receiving, to or by the District, or any water, sewage or drainage to or from such connected system, (iii) for the payment to or by the District of the cost of any such water, sewage or drainage supplied or received, including the cost of treatment thereof, (iv) for the consolidation under one of the contracting parties of the administration of billing consumers, either of the District or of the owner or operator of any such connected system or systems, for water or sewer service supplied through any such connection, and (v) for the equitable contribution by the District or by any such owner or operator to or on account of the cost of constructing or improving any water system, sewerage system or surface water drainage system of the other, made necessary by the additional burden on any such system resulting from any such connection.*

(o) [The Commission may] *To enter upon and excavate any State, County or municipal street, road or alley, or any other public highway, for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating the water [supply,] systems, sewerage systems and surface water drainage systems provided for under this sub-title, and [it may] to construct in any such street, road, alley or public highway, a water main, sewer or drain or any appurtenance thereof, without the receipt of a permit or the payment of a charge; provided, that whenever any State, county or municipal highway is to be disturbed the public authority having control thereof shall be duly notified; AND IN THE CASE OF A STATE HIGHWAY, A PERMIT FOR ANY SUCH EXCAVATION OR CONSTRUCTION SHALL FIRST*