

Section 539 of this sub-title, and shall be certified to, and collected by, the County Treasurer, and by him remitted to the Commission as collected, all in accordance with the procedure prescribed in said Section 539. All receipts from assessments in aid of construction shall be credited by the Commission to a special construction account established on its books for the sewerage system with respect to which said assessments are imposed, and said receipts shall be used only for payments on account of the cost of the facilities above described or to liquidate bonds or notes issued by the District for such purpose, as hereinafter authorized. The District is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money by private negotiation, if necessary, to pay the portion of the cost of the above described facilities chargeable to such assessments in aid of construction, and to evidence such borrowing by the issuance of its promissory notes, repayable, both principal and interest, upon the date or dates specified therein, from the proceeds or receipts of such assessments in aid of construction. All sums so borrowed by the Commission shall likewise be credited by the Commission to said construction account and the moneys in said account may be used by the Commission to retire said notes, as aforesaid. Whenever the total cost of any such facilities shall have been fully paid from the combined proceeds of bonds issued by the District and of said assessments in aid of construction, as herein authorized, the District shall apply all further proceeds received from said assessments in aid of construction to the payment or prior redemption of any bonds of the District issued to pay the cost of any part of said sewerage system, to the end that the special benefit assessments and ad valorem taxes imposed and levied therefor pursuant to Sections 539 and 540 of this sub-title may be correspondingly reduced, provided, however, that the imposition of any such assessments in aid of construction may be terminated by the Commission whenever, in its judgment, it shall determine that the burden of paying a portion of the cost of the facilities above described has been equitably distributed among the properties in the sub-district connected with such sewerage system.

544. Water Service Charges.

(a) The District is hereby authorized and empowered to fix and collect, and from time to time revise, alter or amend, schedules of rates or charges for water consumed in any sub-district by the owners or occupants of all properties therein connected to a water system owned or operated by the District and supplied water by or through such system. Such schedule shall be applicable to all water so consumed even though the District may delegate the collection of such charges in accordance with such schedule to the owner or operator of a connected water system pursuant to Section 532 of this sub-title.

(b) Any such schedule, and any revisions, alterations or amendments thereof, shall be adopted by resolution of the Commission and shall be uniformly applicable throughout the sub-district for which it is adopted. Any such schedule may, however, provide for graduated rates based on the volume of water consumed on any property during any billing period, as measured by meters installed on the water connection by, and at the expense of, the Commission, and also for flat rates which may vary depending on the number of occupants of a premises, the type of use of any such premises, the number of