

faucets or hydrants in use on such premises or in accordance with any other reasonable formula the Commission may adopt. Any such schedule may also include special rates for charitable, religious or public institutions, the property of which is exempt from State, County and municipal taxation but, unless any such special rate is adopted, said institutions shall be liable for water consumed on the same basis as all other consumers. Bills for the amount of water rates or charges, computed with respect to each property served in accordance with the above mentioned schedules, shall be sent quarterly or semi-annually as the Commission may determine in the resolution adopting any such schedule, such bills to be sent to each property served and to be payable within thirty days from date of sending at the office of the Commission designated on each such bill. The Commission may, if requested by the owner of any property, bill tenants of any such property served for water consumed by such tenants, rather than such owner but, in making any such election, the owners of any such properties shall not be excused from liability for any unpaid bills for water consumed on the premises by such tenants or otherwise. If any such bill remains unpaid after thirty days from date of sending, the Commission may, after written notice left on the premises, or mailed both to the tenant, if any, and to the owner at his last know address, turn off the water from the property in question and said water shall not be turned on again until said bill, together with all other bills for water service chargeable against said property shall have been paid in full, together with such penalty as the Commission may have fixed in the above mentioned schedule of rates. If any such bill shall remain unpaid for sixty days after having been sent by the Commission, as aforesaid, it shall be collectible from the owner of the property served, by a suit, in the same manner as private debts are collectible in the County but, whether or not judgment is received on any such delinquent bill, the amount thereof, including any such judgment, shall constitute a lien against any such property to the same extent and in the same manner as provided in Section 539 of this sub-title for special benefit assessments.

(c) All revenues collected by the Commission from water rates and charges shall be applied, first, to payment of the cost of operating, maintaining and repairing the water system or systems of the District in such sub-districts from which such revenues are obtained and also for the cost of operating overhead of said District. Secondly, the Commission may reserve and set aside from said revenues appropriate depreciation reserves for expenditure on replacements of worn out equipment or facilities forming part of any such water system, or for improvements thereto. After making appropriate provision for such expenditures and reserves, the Commission shall apply such revenues to the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds of the Commission issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 534 or 535 of this sub-title with respect to the water system producing such revenues, or for the prior redemption of or greater security for any such bonds, in accordance with the resolution or trust indenture of the Commission pursuant to which such bonds are issued.

(d) All schedules of rates and charges for water adopted and enforced by the District pursuant to this Section shall not be subject to review, regulation or control by any agency of the County or of the State, including the Public Service Commission of Maryland.