

and recordation of the verdict or award in such 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 the 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 shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment in any such appeal or further proceedings.

(b) In the condemnation of privately-owned water or sewerage systems the jury shall take into consideration as a part of its 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 the land or lots in the sale thereof for the purpose of constructing said systems.

(c) Privately-owned systems shall be taken under condemnation by the Commission free and clear of all debts and liens, but the Commission shall make a party defendant of any person, firm, or corporation having any recorded lien or encumbrance against the same, and the Circuit Court may determine the respective amounts due the defendants; and from and after payment into Court or to the proper parties as hereinabove provided, the Commission is authorized to take possession of, maintain, and operate the system, which shall be subject to the same regulations and penalties as though the system so acquired had been constructed and put into operation by the Commission under the provisions of this subheading; provided, however, that no building or premises actually connected in an adequate manner with the acquired system shall be required to pay any connection charge.

(d) Whenever there is in existence a privately-owned water supply or sewerage system which in the judgment of the Commission is unsuitable in whole or in part, for incorporation into the Commission's system, the Commission may disregard the existence of said system or unsuitable part thereof and extend its system to serve the area tributary to the existing system or unsuitable part thereof, and all the provisions of this subheading relating to systems constructed by the Commission apply thereto.

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(a) The Commission may purchase or acquire by gift any existing water, sewerage, or drainage systems, or parts thereof, including those owned, operated by, or serving any municipality, or any land, structure, buildings, stream bed, water rights, or watershed, either in fee or as an easement, which in its judgment is desirable or necessary for the purpose of providing adequate water, sewerage or drainage service for the residents of the county. Any such purchase is subject to the approval of the County Commissioners and may be made 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 is the duty of the vendor or