

*represented county shall be assessed at a rate calculated from a cost sharing formula which is based on a projected ten-year average daily withdrawal within the county during the month of maximum withdrawal divided by the total projected ten-year average daily withdrawal during the month of maximum withdrawal of all the represented counties.*

*(b) The Authority shall assess non-Maryland users who are subject to the appropriation requirements in Section 11 of Article 96A based on a rate to be calculated by the same means as that used for the assessment of represented counties. The Authority shall collect the assessed charges from the non-Maryland users in a manner to be prescribed by the Authority.*

*(c) The Authority may enter into contracts or agreements with the Commissioner of the District of Columbia relating to payments by the District of Columbia to the Authority of the District's equitable share of the initial cost of the project. Such contracts shall contain such provisions as may be agreed upon by the Authority and the Commissioner, and may include provisions for the ascertainment of the District's equitable share of the costs, the periodic revision of the amount of that share, and other payments by the District of Columbia with respect to the cost. Any contract or agreement so entered into shall have the full force and effect of a contract between the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland.*

97.

*Any permit for the appropriation of water from the Potomac River issued by the Department to any non-Maryland user shall include a provision for payment for such use based on the provisions of Section 96. The Department shall transfer the payment to the Authority, which shall credit it to the assessment of that non-Maryland user established under Section 96.*

98.

*The Authority may issue rules and regulations to carry out its functions under this subtitle and shall be subject to the Maryland Administrative Procedure Act.*

99.

*For the purpose of satisfying any assessment established under Section 96, each represented county may impose through just and reasonable rates determined after public hearing, assessments of charges on users located within its county and/or may employ any other means for assessment and collection authorized by law for the collection of taxes or assessments, including the imposition of liens upon real or personal property.*

100.

*The determination of assessments shall be made at the time the first payment is due. The projections of water withdrawals in determining assessments shall begin with the most recent year for which data are available. Thereafter, the Authority, in consultation with the Department, shall recalculate assessments triennially based on a revised ten-year projection of water withdrawals beginning with the most recent year for which data are available.*