

*the operation of the facility, shall be transferred to the sole ownership of the Service at the time designated in the five-year plan, on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Service and the municipality or person transferring the project.* COMPENSATION FOR EXISTING PROJECTS MAY BE BASED ON THE ORIGINAL COST OF THE PROJECT MINUS AN ALLOWANCE FOR DEPRECIATION, OR ON OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS SATISFACTORY TO THE MUNICIPALITY OR PERSON TRANSFERRING THE PROJECT. All costs and obligations assumed by the Service incidental to the transfer of ownership OF AN EXISTING PROJECT shall be included in the charges levied against the service district.

(i) The Service ~~annually~~ **BIANNUALLY BIENNIALY** shall review, update, and readopt the five-year plan for each service region after review by the municipalities and persons concerned. ~~Immediately thereafter,~~ THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN MAY BE UPDATED AND READOPTED BY THE SERVICE ONLY AFTER AT LEAST ONE PUBLIC HEARING IN EACH OF THE COUNTIES (OR BALTIMORE CITY) AFFECTED. UPON UPDATING AND READOPTION, the Service shall take the actions necessary to implement the revised plan.

(j) The Service by formal action, AND AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES AFFECTED, may extend the boundaries of service regions or districts, combine two or more service regions or districts or parts thereof and combine, abandon, extend, enlarge, improve, or make any other modification of projects serving one or more service districts, provided that no such change will diminish any existing level of service rendered to the district or districts concerned.

(k) Within a wastewater purification service district the Service shall be responsible for the purification and disposal of liquid waste as set forth in the five-year plan, including the residue resulting from purification, that is delivered to the Service projects through the sewer pipes of any municipality or person in the service district except that the Service may exclude or require pre-conditioning of any waste that might otherwise be harmful to structures or purification processes or endanger the health or safety of workers. Within the service district no municipality or person may discharge liquid waste onto the surface of the ground or into the waterways of the State except through the projects of the Service OR OF A MUNICIPALITY OR PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE PLAN, or under reasonable conditions the Service stipulates.

(l) Within a solid waste disposal service district the Service shall be responsible for the disposal of solid wastes as set forth in the five-year plan. Within the service district no municipality or person may dispose of solid wastes except through the projects of the Service OR OF A MUNICIPALITY OR PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE PLAN, or under reasonable conditions the Service stipulates.

#### 6. Mandatory agreement to provide requested services.

(a) ~~Prior to the establishment of a service district, any municipi-~~  
 (A) ANY MUNICIPALITY or person may request the Service to provide the wastewater purification or solid waste disposal projects as are authorized by this Article. The request shall set forth the type