

**DISCLAIMER OF OPINION INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS NECESSARY TO MAKE POSSIBLE FUTURE UNQUALIFIED OPINIONS.**

(E) THE BOOKS, RECORDS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE SERVICE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

(F) ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE WHO SHALL REFUSE TO GIVE ALL REQUIRED ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION TO THE ACCOUNTANTS SELECTED BY THE SERVICE OR BY THE STATE, OR WHO SHALL REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO THEM FOR EXAMINATION SUCH BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, FILES, ACCOUNTS, PAPERS, THINGS OR PROPERTY AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR SUCH AUDIT SHALL, IN THE DISCRETION OF THE SERVICE, FORFEIT HIS OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT.

*25. Regulations; power to make and enforce.*

(a) *Except as otherwise provided by this Article, and subject to the provisions of Article 41, Section 235 (b) of this Code, the Service is hereby authorized to adopt, formulate, and revise from time to time, and enforce rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this Article and of any other laws the enforcement and administration of which is vested in the Service.* FOR THE REGULATION OF ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND FOR THE USE AND OPERATION OF ITS PROJECTS, AND OF ANY OTHER LAWS THE ADMINISTRATION OF WHICH IS VESTED IN THE SERVICE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO SUCH RULE OR REGULATION CONCERNING THE USE OR OPERATION OF A PROJECT SHALL BE IN CONFLICT WITH ANY RULE OR REGULATION OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH. *The Service may limit or regulate liquid waste service, refuse collection and disposal service, and storm and surface water drainage service, on a temporary basis in any area or to any premise served by Service projects, as the exigencies of the occasion and the protection of its systems require. The Service shall make such regulations consistent with law as it may deem necessary for the public safety, health, comfort or convenience, in the construction, operation, maintenance, expansion, relocation, replacement, renovation, and repair of its wastewater purification and solid waste disposal projects.*

(b) *Except for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety or for emergency provisions required to protect projects of the Service, rules and regulations, and any revisions thereof, shall be promulgated pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.*

(c) *Any regulation adopted by the Service pursuant to this section, and approved by the Secretary of Natural Resources, shall have the force and effect of law.*

*26. Binding arbitration by Public Service Commission.*

*If in any instance the Service and a municipality or person fail to reach agreement on rates, fees, or other charges to be exacted by the Service, the Public Service Commission upon petition by either*