

waste disposal plans, if any, adopted pursuant to Article 43 of this Code but may also take account of other plans and studies.

3(g).

The word "person" means any natural person, individual, firm, partnership, association, cooperative, corporation, or other entity that, under the State or federal law, has responsibility for *water supply* or waste water or solid waste disposal; but the word does not include any natural person, individual, firm, partnership, association, cooperative, corporation, or other entity receiving or entitled to receive *water supply*, waste water collection or solid waste collection services from a municipality.

3(k).

The word "cost" as applied to a *water supply project*, a solid waste disposal project, a waste water purification project, a service area, a service district, or to any activity undertaken by the Service, includes: the cost of construction or acquisition, including the purchase price of any existing project or the cost of acquiring all right, title, or interest of the project and the amount to be paid to discharge all obligations necessary to vest title to the project or any part thereof in the Service; the cost of any reconstruction, extension enlargement, alteration, repair or improvement; the cost of all lands, properties, rights, easements, interests, franchises, and permits acquired; the cost of all labor, machinery and equipment, financing charges, interest prior to and during construction and for one year after completion of construction; the cost of revenue estimates, engineering and legal services, plans, designs, specifications, surveys, investigations, demonstrations, studies, estimates of cost, other expenses necessary or incident to determining the feasibility or practicability of any such acquisition, improvement, or construction, administrative expenses, and other expenses as necessary or incident to the financing herein authorized, and to the acquisition, operation, maintenance, improvement, construction of *water supply*, liquid and solid waste project facilities and the placing of the same in operation by the Service. Any obligation or ~~expenses~~ EXPENSE incurred by the Service prior to the issuance of bonds under the provisions of this article for engineering studies and for estimates of costs and revenues and for other technical or professional services which may be utilized in the acquisition, improvement, or construction of such facilities may be regarded as a part of the costs of the facilities.

3B(c).

To the extent deemed appropriate in each particular instance, acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, operation, maintenance and repair of *water supply*, waste water purification and solid waste disposal projects, either pursuant to an order of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary of Natural Resources as further provided in Sections 8 and 9 of this article, or pursuant to a mandatory agreement to provide requested services, as provided for in Section 6 of this article, or pursuant to an approved five-year plan, as provided for in Section 5 of this article.