

facilities, or of installing such facilities in a new location, and the cost of any lands, or any rights or interests in lands, and any other rights acquired to accomplish such relocation or installation, shall be ascertained and paid by the Commission as a part of the cost of the Expressway.

In addition to the foregoing powers the Commission and its authorized agents and employees may enter upon any lands, waters and premises in the State for the purpose of making surveys, soundings, drillings and examinations as it may deem necessary or convenient for the purpose of this subheading, and such entry shall not be deemed a trespass, nor shall an entry for such purpose be deemed an entry under any condemnation proceedings which may be then pending. The Commission shall make reimbursement for any actual damages resulting to such lands, waters and premises as a result of such activities.

The State of Maryland hereby consents to the use of all lands owned by it, including lands lying under water, which are deemed by the Commission to be necessary for the construction or operation of the Expressway.

§6. [§ 146.] Acquisition of property.

(a) Commission authorized to acquire property by purchase. —The Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, whenever it shall deem such purchase expedient, solely from funds provided under the authority of this subheading, such lands, structures, rights-of-way, property, rights, franchises, easements and other interests in lands, including lands lying under water and riparian rights, which are located within the State and within any municipality and within any other political subdivision of the State, and within the limits of any property owned or controlled by the United States government or any agency thereof, as it may deem necessary or convenient for the construction and operation of the Expressway upon such terms and at such prices as may be considered by it to be reasonable and can be agreed upon between it and the owner thereof, and to take title thereto in the name of the State of Maryland.

(b) Commission authorized to acquire property by condemnation; procedure. —Whenever a reasonable price cannot be agreed upon, or whenever the owner is legally incapacitated or is absent, unknown or unable to convey valid title, the Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by condemnation or by the exercise of the power of eminent domain any lands, rights-of-way, property, rights, franchises, easements and other property of any person, copartnership, association, railroad, public service, public utility or other corporation, or municipality or political subdivision deemed necessary or convenient for the construction or the efficient operation of any project or necessary in the restoration of public or private property damaged or destroyed. Any such proceedings shall be conducted, and