

determined value of the plant or system such sum as it may reasonably determine was added to the purchase price of [said] THE land or lots in the sale thereof for the purpose of constructing [said] THE system. Privately owned systems shall be taken under [said] THE condemnation by [said] THE commission free and clear of all debts and liens, but [said] THE commission shall make a party defendant any person, firm or corporation having any record lien or encumbrance against the same, and the circuit court is hereby empowered and authorized to determine the respective amounts due the defendants, and from and after the payment into court or to the proper parties, [said] THE commission shall be authorized to take possession of, maintain and operate [said] THE system, whether private or municipal, as a part of its general system, and from the date of such payment all properties along the line of any water main or sewer of the system so acquired shall stand in the same relation, bear the same benefit assessment, and be subject to the same regulations and penalties, as though the system so acquired had been constructed and put into operation by the [said] commission under the provisions of this [subtitle] ARTICLE; provided, however, that no building or premises, actually connected in an adequate manner with [said] THE acquired system at the time of its purchase, shall be required to pay the connection charge specified under section [83-80] 6-1. Whenever there is in existence a privately owned water supply or sewerage system which in the judgment of the commission is unfit, as a whole or in part, for incorporation with the commission's system, the commission shall disregard the existence of [said] THE system or unfit part thereof and extend its system to serve the area tributary to the existing system or unfit part thereof, and all the provisions of this [subtitle] ARTICLE relating to systems constructed by the commission shall apply to [said] THE extension. Any municipality whose system is acquired by [said] THE commission, whether by purchase or condemnation, is hereby authorized to use the amount paid to it for [said] THE system for the purchase or redemption of any bonds or debt which may be outstanding against the same; or the commission may, as a part of the purchase price of [said] THE system, assume the payment of any such outstanding bonds.

### 3-7. Authority of commission generally.

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission is hereby authorized to plan, design, construct, maintain, and operate a system for the control and disposition of surface waters, in accordance with the capital improvements program of the commission, within the limits of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District, and for this purpose, the commission is given all of the power and authority to implement the capital improvements program, including the right to condemn, heretofore given it by law, in the construction and operation of its water and sewer system, and the right and authority to negotiate with any public agency and to make contracts with the agency, including the government of the