it shall have the same power and authority over such water connections made outside the district as it has within the district, and providing further that if the commission shall at any time use the waters of the Patuxent River at or above the Town of Laurel for the purpose of furnishing additional water supply to its consumers, it shall as a condition to the right to use such waters furnish to the mayor and city council of Laurel for the use of its water supply such water from the Patuxent River supply as [said] THE mayor and city council of Laurel may desire at the actual cost of supplying such water to the water mains of the town which may be constructed for such purposes by the mayor and city council of Laurel to the nearest convenient point to the Patuxent water supply of [said] THE commission, [said] THE point of connection between the commission main and the town main to be at or near the dam of [said] THE commission.

- (b) The rate for service, except as herein provided, shall consist of a minimum or a ready to serve charge which shall be based upon the size of the meter on the water connection leading to the property, and of a charge for water used, which shall be based upon the amount of water passing the meter during the period between the last two readings, [said] THE meter being required to be placed on each water connection, by, and at the sole expense of the commission. The commission may, however, provide for the billing and collection of the water and sewer usage charges on an estimated basis for periods of six months or less, but in such cases it shall require that the meters be read every six months and that the final bill for such six month period be based on actual consumption adjusted by the previous estimates. The commission may further provide that the minimum or ready to serve charge, hereinabove provided for, includes a specified minimum number of gallons of water without additional service charges therefor, the minimum figure varying with the size of the meter involved. Bills for the amount of the charges as above specified shall be sent monthly, quarterly, or semiannually, as the commission may determine, to each property served, and shall be thereupon payable at the office of the commission; and if any bill shall remain unpaid after 30 days from date of sending the commission shall after written notice, to be left upon the premises or mailed to the last known address of the owner, turn off the water from the property in question and it shall not be turned on again until [said] THE bill, together with late payment penalty charges as authorized by law and the cost incurred in shutting off and restoring the water supply, shall have been paid. If any bill shall remain unpaid for 60 days after being sent out by the commission it shall be collectible against the owner of the property served, in the same manner as other debts are collectible in the respective counties.
- (c) From and after June 1, 1957, if any bill for water and sewer usage charges sent out in regular course by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall remain unpaid after 30 days from the date of sending, if for a service