

SECTION OR IF NO FIVE-YEAR PLAN, SERVICE REGION, OR SERVICE DISTRICT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

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(a) On or before October 1, 1972, the Service shall undertake and complete a study of the physical and operational efficiency and adequacy of the quality of the Service provided by the water supply and wastewater facilities and appurtenances owned and operated by the Joppatowne Utilities Corporation, situated at the headwaters of the Gunpowder River in Harford County. The study shall be carried out in consultation and cooperation with every affected unit of Harford County. Upon completing the study, either the Service or Harford County shall take appropriate action to acquire the water supply and wastewater systems of the Joppatowne Utilities Corporation, whether by gift, purchase, or condemnation. The acquisition may include its real and personal property, rights, privileges, waters, streams, easements, franchises, facilities, and property rights of any kind whatsoever. If the water system is acquired by condemnation, the proceedings shall be filed under the provisions of law concerning eminent domain.

(b) If the Service acquires the water supply and wastewater facilities of the Joppatowne Utilities Corporation, it may operate water supply and wastewater systems in the same manner and with the same authority in rendering these services as Harford County. This authority is not intended to be restrictive of the present authority now vested in the Service.

(c) The Service and Harford County may make any agreement necessary to implement the objective of providing adequate water supply and wastewater treatment systems in Harford County. Any agreement may include State and federal grants and cooperative arrangements for the cooperative use of the water supply, drainage, and sanitary facilities of both the Service and Harford County. The County Commissioners of Harford County shall approve any agreement made under this section.]

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(a) Any municipality or person may request the Service to provide the water supply, wastewater purification or solid waste disposal projects authorized by this subtitle. The request shall set forth the type of proposed project to be furnished and the proposed boundaries of the area within which a project is requested.

(b) As soon as possible after receipt of a duly authorized request from a municipality or person, the service shall draft a proposed contract with the municipality or person in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle specifying the type of project to be provided, whether or not a service district will be