

**§ 617n. Projects for irrigation, generation of electric power, and other purposes; investigations and reports**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to make investigation and public reports of the feasibility of projects for irrigation, generation of electric power, and other purposes in the States of Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming for the purpose of making such information available to said States and to the Congress and of formulating a comprehensive scheme of control and the improvement and utilization of the water of the Colorado River and its tributaries. The sum of \$250,000 is authorized to be appropriated from said Colorado River Dam fund, created by section 617a of this title, for such purposes.

(Dec. 21, 1928, ch. 42, § 15, 45 Stat. 1065.)

**§ 617o. Officials of ratifying States; authority to act in advisory capacity; access to records**

In furtherance of any comprehensive plan formulated on and after Dec. 21, 1928 for the control, improvement, and utilization of the resources of the Colorado River system and to the end that the project authorized by this subchapter may constitute and be administered as a unit in such control, improvement, and utilization, any commissioner or commissioner duly authorized under the laws of any ratifying State in that behalf shall have the right to act in an advisory capacity to and in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior in the exercise of any authority under the provisions of sections 617c, 617d, and 617m of this title and shall have at all times access to records of all Federal agencies empowered to act under said sections, and shall be entitled to have copies of said records on request.

(Dec. 21, 1928, ch. 42, § 16, 45 Stat. 1065.)

**§ 617p. Claims of United States; priority**

Except as provided in title 11, claims of the United States arising out of any contract authorized by this subchapter shall have priority over all others, secured or unsecured.

(Dec. 21, 1928, ch. 42, § 17, 45 Stat. 1065; Pub. L. 95-598, title III, § 332, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2679.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-598 inserted introductory phrase “Except as provided in title 11”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-598 effective Oct. 1, 1979, see section 402(a) of Pub. L. 95-598, set out as an Effective Dates note preceding section 101 of Title 11, Bankruptcy.

**§ 617q. Effect on authority of States to control waters within own borders**

Nothing herein shall be construed as interfering with such rights as the States had on December 21, 1928, either to the waters within their borders or to adopt such policies and enact such laws as they deem necessary with respect to the appropriation, control, and use of waters within their borders, except as modified by the Colorado River compact or other interstate agreement.

(Dec. 21, 1928, ch. 42, § 18, 45 Stat. 1065.)

**§ 617r. Consent given States to negotiate supplemental compacts for development of Colorado River**

The consent of Congress is given to the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming to negotiate and enter into compacts or agreements, supplemental to and in conformity with the Colorado River compact and consistent with this subchapter for a comprehensive plan for the development of the Colorado River and providing for the storage, diversion, and use of the waters of said river. Any such compact or agreement may provide for the construction of dams, headworks, and other diversion works or structures for flood control, reclamation, improvement of navigation, division of water, or other purposes and/or the construction of power houses or other structures for the purpose of the development of water power and the financing of the same; and for such purposes may authorize the creation of interstate commissions and/or the creation of corporations, authorities, or other instrumentalities.

(a) Such consent is given upon condition that a representative of the United States, to be appointed by the President, shall participate in the negotiations and shall make report to Congress of the proceedings and of any compact or agreement entered into.

(b) No such compact or agreement shall be binding or obligatory upon any of such States unless and until it has been approved by the legislature of each of such States and by the Congress of the United States.

(Dec. 21, 1928, ch. 42, § 19, 45 Stat. 1065.)

**§ 617s. Recognition of rights of Mexico to Colorado River waters**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as a denial or recognition of any rights, if any, in Mexico to the use of the waters of the Colorado River system.

(Dec. 21, 1928, ch. 42, § 20, 45 Stat. 1066.)

**§ 617t. Short title**

The short title of this subchapter shall be “Boulder Canyon Project Act.”

(Dec. 21, 1928, ch. 42, § 21, 45 Stat. 1066.)

**§ 617u. Lease of reserved lands in Boulder City, Nevada; disposition of revenues**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and empowered, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to establish rental rates for the lease of reserved lands of the United States situate within the exterior boundaries of Boulder City, Nevada, and, without prior advertising, to enter into leases therefor at not less than rates so established and for periods not exceeding fifty-three years from the date of such leases: *Provided*, That all revenues which may accrue to the United States under the provisions of such leases shall be deposited in the Treasury and credited to the Colorado River Dam fund established by section 617a of this title.

(June 18, 1940, ch. 395, 54 Stat. 437.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Boulder Canyon Project Act which comprises this subchapter.

#### BOULDER CITY ACT OF 1958

Public Law 85-900, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1726, provided for disposal of certain Federal property in Boulder City for purposes of establishment of a municipal corporation incorporated under laws of Nevada.

#### § 617v. Repealed. Pub. L. 85-900, § 17, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1735

Section, act July 31, 1953, ch. 296, title II, 67 Stat. 250, which was not enacted as part of the Boulder Canyon Project Act (which comprises this subchapter), provided for taxation of leaseholds lying within Boulder Canyon Project Reservation and deduction of certain school taxes in Boulder City Union School District.

### SUBCHAPTER II—BOULDER CANYON PROJECT ADJUSTMENT ACT

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective date of subchapter, see sections 618i, 620f, 620h, 620m of this title.

#### CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS; EFFECT ON THIS SUBCHAPTER

Consolidation of Parker and Davis Dam projects as not affecting this subchapter, see note set out preceding subchapter I of this chapter.

#### § 618. Promulgation of charges for electrical energy

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to, and he shall, promulgate charges, on the basis of computation thereof, for electrical energy generated at Hoover Dam beginning June 1, 1937, computed to be sufficient, together with other net revenues from the project, to accomplish the following purposes:

(a) To meet the cost of operation and maintenance, and to provide for replacements, of the project beginning June 1, 1937;

(b) To repay to the Treasury, with interest, the advances to the Colorado River Dam Fund for the project made prior to June 1, 1937, within fifty years from that date (excluding advances allocated to flood control by section 617a(b) of this title, which shall be repayable as provided in section 618f of this title), and such advances made on and after June 1, 1937, over fifty-year periods;

(c) To provide \$600,000 for each of the years and for the purposes specified in section 618a(c) of this title;

(d) To provide \$500,000 for each of the years and for the purposes specified in section 618a(d) of this title; and

(e) To provide, by application of the increments to rates specified in section 403(c)(2) of the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968, as amended and supplemented [43 U.S.C. 1543(c)(2)], revenues, from and after June 1, 1987, for application to the purposes there specified.

Such charges may be made subject to revisions and adjustments at such times, to such extent, and in such manner, as by the terms of their promulgation the Secretary shall prescribe.

(July 19, 1940, ch. 643, § 1, 54 Stat. 774; Apr. 30, 1947, ch. 46, 61 Stat. 56; Pub. L. 98-381, title I, § 104(a)(1)-(3), Aug. 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 1334.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1984—Pub. L. 98-381, § 104(a)(1), substituted “beginning June 1, 1937” for “during the period beginning June 1, 1937, and ending May 31, 1987” in provisions preceding subsec. (a).

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-381, § 104(a)(1), substituted “beginning June 1, 1937” for “during the period beginning June 1, 1937, and ending May 31, 1987”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-381, § 104(a)(2), substituted “and such advances made on or after June 1, 1937, over fifty-year periods” for “and such portion of such advances made on or after June 1, 1937, as (on the basis of repayment thereof within such fifty-year period or periods as the Secretary may determine) will be repayable prior to June 1, 1987”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 98-381, § 104(a)(3), added subsec. (e).

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Act Apr. 30, 1947, changed name of Boulder Dam back to Hoover Dam.

#### CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAWS

Pub. L. 98-381, title I, § 104(b), Aug. 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 1335, provided that: “Except as amended by this Act [amending sections 618, 618a, 618e, and 618k of this title], the Boulder Canyon Project Adjustment Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 774, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 618), as amended and supplemented [this subchapter], shall remain in full force and effect.”

#### § 618a. Receipts from project; disposition

All receipts from the project shall be paid into the Colorado River Dam Fund and shall be available, without further appropriation, for:

##### (a) Defraying operating expenses

Defraying the costs of operation (including purchase of supplemental energy to meet temporary deficiencies in firm energy which the Secretary of Energy is obligated by contract to supply), maintenance and replacements of, and emergency expenditures for, all facilities of the project, within such separate limitations as may be included in annual appropriations Acts;

##### (b) Repayment of cost of construction

Repayment to the Treasury, with interest (after making provision for the payments and transfers provided in subdivisions (c) and (d) of this section), of advances to the Colorado River Dam Fund for the construction of the project (excluding the amount allocated to flood control by section 2(b) of the Project Act [43 U.S.C. 617a(b)]), and any readvances made to said fund under section 618d of this title; and

##### (c) Commutation payments to Arizona and Nevada

Payment subject to the provisions of section 618b of this title, in commutation of the payments now provided for the States of Arizona and Nevada in section 4(b) of the Project Act [43 U.S.C. 617c(b)] to each of said States of the sum of \$300,000 for each year of operation, beginning with the year of operation ending May 31, 1938, and continuing annually thereafter until and including the year of operation ending May 31, 1987, and such payments for any year of operation which shall have expired at the time when