

**§ 485k. Short title**

This subchapter may be cited as the “Reclamation Project Act of 1939.”

(Aug. 4, 1939, ch. 418, §19, 53 Stat. 1198.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning act Aug. 4, 1939, ch. 418, 53 Stat. 1187, as amended, which enacted this subchapter, sections 375a, 380a, and 387 to 389 of this title and section 16d of former Title 41, Public Contracts, and enacted provision set out as a note under section 485j of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

SHORT TITLE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113-24, §1, Aug. 9, 2013, 127 Stat. 498, provided that: “This Act [amending section 485h of this title] may be cited as the ‘Bureau of Reclamation Small Conduit Hydropower Development and Rural Jobs Act.’”

SUBCHAPTER XI—MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF WORKS GENERALLY

**§ 491. Authority of Secretary to operate works**

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to use the reclamation fund for the operation and maintenance of all reservoirs and irrigation works constructed under the provisions of this Act.

(June 17, 1902, ch. 1093, §6, 32 Stat. 389.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is act June 17, 1902, popularly known as the Reclamation Act, which is classified generally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 371 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of part of section 6 of act June 17, 1902. Remainder of such section 6 is classified to section 498 of this title.

SECTION AS UNAFFECTED BY SUBMERGED LANDS ACT

Provisions of this section as not amended, modified or repealed by the Submerged Lands Act, see section 1303 of this title.

**§ 492. Operation and maintenance charges generally**

In addition to the construction charge, every water-right applicant, entryman, or landowner under or upon a reclamation project shall also pay, whenever water service is available for the irrigation of his land, an operation and maintenance charge based upon the total cost of operation and maintenance of the project, or each separate unit thereof, and such charge shall be made for each acre-foot of water delivered; but each acre of irrigable land, whether irrigated or not, shall be charged with a minimum operation and maintenance charge based upon the charge for delivery of not less than one acre-foot of water. If the total amount of operation and maintenance charges and penalties collected for any one irrigation season on any project shall exceed the cost of operation and maintenance of the project during that irrigation season, the balance shall be applied to a reduction of the charge on the project for the next irrigation season, and any deficit incurred may likewise be

added to the charge for the next irrigation season.

(Aug. 13, 1914, ch. 247, §5, 38 Stat. 687.)

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of part of first sentence and second sentence of section 5 of act Aug. 13, 1914. Remainder of first sentence of such section is classified to section 499 of this title.

**§ 493. Operation charges; date of payment; discount; advance payment**

All operation and maintenance charges upon projects existing prior to December 5, 1924, shall become due and payable on the date fixed for each project by the Secretary of the Interior, and if such charge is paid on or before the date when due there shall be a discount of 5 per centum of such charge.

All contracts providing for new projects and new divisions of projects approved after December 5, 1924, shall require that all operation and maintenance charges shall be payable in advance. In each case where the care, operation, and maintenance of a project or division of a project are transferred to the water users the contract shall require the payment of operation and maintenance charges in advance. Whenever an adjustment of water charges is made under sections 371, 376, 377, 412, 417, 433, 438,<sup>1</sup> 462, 463,<sup>1</sup> 466, 467,<sup>1</sup> 473,<sup>1</sup> 474,<sup>1</sup> 478, 493, 494, 500, 501 and 526 of this title the adjustment contract shall provide that thereafter all operation and maintenance charges shall be payable in advance.

(Aug. 13, 1914, ch. 247, §6, 38 Stat. 688; Dec. 5, 1924, ch. 4, §4, subsec. N, 43 Stat. 704.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 438 of this title, referred to in text, was repealed by act Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 428, §10, 67 Stat. 568.

Sections 463, 467, 473, and 474 of this title, referred to in text, were repealed by act May 25, 1926, ch. 383, §47, 44 Stat. 650.

CODIFICATION

First paragraph of this section is comprised of part of first sentence of section 6 of act Aug. 13, 1914. Remainder of first sentence of such section 6 is classified to sections 479, 494, and 495 of this title; second and third sentences of such section 6 are classified to sections 496 and 497 of this title, respectively.

Second paragraph of this section is from act Dec. 5, 1924.

Language was inserted in the first paragraph of this section limiting it to projects existing prior to Dec. 5, 1924, to avoid conflict with second paragraph applicable to projects after Dec. 5, 1924.

DEFINITIONS

The definitions in section 371 of this title apply to this section.

**§ 493a. Omitted**

CODIFICATION

Section, act May 10, 1926, ch. 277, 44 Stat. 479, authorized Secretary of the Interior, until June 30, 1927, to extend time for payment of charges for period not exceeding 5 years.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.