

This Act, referred to in text, is act May 27, 1937, ch. 269, as amended generally by act Mar. 10, 1943, ch. 14, 57 Stat. 14, known as The Columbia Basin Project Act, which enacted this section, sections 835a to 835c-5 of this title, and provisions set out as a note under this section. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under this section and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1943—Act Mar. 10, 1943, amended section generally.

SHORT TITLE

Act May 27, 1937, ch. 269, §11, as added by Mar. 10, 1943, ch. 14, 57 Stat. 20, provided that: "This Act [enacting this section, sections 835a to 835c-5 of this title, and provisions set out as a note below] may be cited as 'The Columbia Basin Project Act'."

SEPARABILITY

Act May 27, 1937, ch. 269, §10, as added by Mar. 10, 1943, ch. 14, 57 Stat. 20, provided that: "If any provision of this Act [see Short Title note above] or the application of such provision to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, the remainder of the Act and the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby."

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Power marketing functions of Bureau of Reclamation, including construction, operation, and maintenance of transmission lines and attendant facilities, transferred to Secretary of Energy by section 7152(a)(1)(E), (3) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and are to be exercised by Secretary through a separate Administration within Department of Energy.

§ 835-1. Laws governing

The Columbia Basin project shall be governed by the Federal reclamation laws, being the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and all Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

(Pub. L. 87-728, §3, Oct. 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 678.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), referred to in text, is act June 17, 1902, ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388, popularly known as the Reclamation Act, which is classified generally to chapter 12 (§371 et seq.) of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 371 of Title 43 and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section is derived from part of section 3 of Pub. L. 87-728. Remainder of such section amended section 835c of this title, and repealed sections 835a, 835b, 835c-3, and 835c-5 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Power marketing functions of Bureau of Reclamation, including construction, operation, and maintenance of transmission lines and attendant facilities, transferred to Secretary of Energy by section 7152(a)(1)(E), (3) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and are to be exercised by Secretary through a separate Administration within Department of Energy.

§§ 835a, 835b. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-728, §3, Oct. 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 678

Section 835a, acts May 27, 1937, ch. 269, §2, 50 Stat. 210; Mar. 10, 1943, ch. 14, 57 Stat. 14; Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1048, §1(1), (2), 64 Stat. 1037; Sept. 2, 1957, Pub. L. 85-264, §1(a)-(c), 71 Stat. 590, related to the use of project ap-

propriations for irrigation features; appraisals and re-appraisals of lands; contracts with subdivisions of state; irrigation blocks; boundaries as determining right to water; temporary delivery to excess lands; definition of owners, community property; necessity of execution of recordable contract; contractual requirements; filing of instruments.

Section 835b, acts May 27, 1937, ch. 269, §3, 50 Stat. 210; Mar. 10, 1943, ch. 14, 57 Stat. 18; Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1048, §1(3), 64 Stat. 1037, related to consideration for conveyance of lands.

SAVINGS PROVISION

Pub. L. 87-728, §5(b), Oct. 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 679, provided that: "The rights of any vendee or grantee as defined in section 3 of the Columbia Basin Project Act of 1943 [section 835b of this title] are hereby preserved as to any transactions that were consummated by contract or deed prior to repeal of said section 3 by this Act."

AMENDATORY REPAYMENT CONTRACT

Pub. L. 87-728, §1, 2, Oct. 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 677, 678, provided: "That the amendatory repayment contract with the Quincy Columbia Basin Irrigation District negotiated by the Secretary of the Interior, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 7 of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1192; 43 U.S.C. 485f) [section 485f(a) of Title 43, Public Lands], which contract was approved by the district electors on February 13, 1962, is hereby approved and the Secretary is hereby authorized to execute it on behalf of the United States and to negotiate and execute on behalf of the United States amendatory repayment contracts in substantially the same form or amendatory repayment contracts containing substantially the same provisions with the South and East Columbia Basin Irrigation Districts.

"SEC. 2. Upon any amendatory repayment contract with a Columbia Basin Irrigation District approved or authorized by this Act [enacting section 835-1 of this title, amending section 835c, 835c-1, 835c-2, 835c-4 of this title, repealing sections 835a, 835b, 835c-3, and 835c-5 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 835a, 835b, and 835c of the title] becoming effective to bind the United States, that district's share of the operation and maintenance funds expended or obligated for the construction of drainage works including appropriate interest thereon during calendar years 1960, 1961, and 1962 shall be capitalized and charged as a part of the construction cost of the project assigned directly to irrigation and the Secretary shall either refund to it or give it credit for (as it may elect) all operation and maintenance payments (including interest paid by it in connection therewith) which it has made for the construction of drainage works during those years, such credit, if so elected by the district, to be applied against future development period and/or construction charges of the district as they become due."

SALE OF PROJECT LANDS TO STATE OF WASHINGTON

Pub. L. 86-52, June 23, 1959, 73 Stat. 87, provided: "That notwithstanding any provisions of sections 2(b)(iii), 2(b)(iv), and 4(b) of the Columbia Basin Project Act, as amended [former section 835a(b)(iii), (iv) of this title and section 835c(b) of this title] (16 U.S.C., ch. 12D) [this chapter], conformed farm units, or portions of farm units, comprising not more than six hundred and forty acres of irrigable land on the Columbia Basin project may be sold by the Secretary of the Interior and others to the State of Washington for use by the State College of Washington for agricultural research purposes, and water may be delivered from, through, or by means of the project works to or for conformed farm units comprising no more than that acreage, as non-excess lands, whether so acquired or already held by the State, as long as they are used for those purposes. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, any lands sold to the State under this Act shall be governed by the provisions of the Columbia Basin Project Act, as

amended [sections 835, 835a to 835c-5 of this title] and regulations of the Secretary issued pursuant thereto.”

Pub. L. 86-52 was amended to permit delivery of water to State owned lands, see section 7 of Pub. L. 87-728, set out as a note below.

DELIVERY OF WATER TO STATE OWNED LAND

Pub. L. 87-728, §7, Oct. 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 679, provided that: “The Act of June 23, 1959 (73 Stat. 87) [set out as a note above] is hereby amended to permit delivery of water to not to exceed six hundred and forty acres of irrigable lands whether or not said lands are in conformed farm units, owned by the State of Washington for use by the Washington State University for agricultural research purposes.”

DELIVERY OF WATER TO FARMS PLATTED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 1962, EXCEEDING 160 ACRES

Pub. L. 87-728, §5(a), Oct. 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 679, provided that: “Notwithstanding the provisions of the Federal reclamation laws [for definition, see section 835-1 of this title], water may be delivered to farm unit platted before the enactment of this Act [Oct. 1, 1962] that contains a nominal quarter section of land exceeding one hundred and sixty irrigable acres insofar as those provisions limit the delivery of water to irrigable lands in excess of one hundred and sixty irrigable acres.”

§ 835c. Duties of Secretary of the Interior

(a) Administer, sell, and exchange lands, dedicate portions for public purposes, etc.

For the purposes of assisting in the permanent settlement of farm families, protecting project land, and facilitating project development, the Secretary is authorized to administer public lands of the United States in the project area and lands acquired under this section; to sell, exchange, or lease such lands; to dedicate portions of such lands for public purposes in keeping with sound project development; to acquire in the name of the United States, at prices satisfactory to him, such lands or interests in lands, within or adjacent to the project area, as he deems appropriate for the protection, development, or improvement of the project; and to accept donations of real and personal property for the purposes of this Act. Any moneys realized on account of donations for purposes of this Act shall be covered into the Treasury as trust funds.

(b) Terms of contracts; qualifications of applicants; prohibited disposals

Contracts, exchanges, and leases made under this section shall be on terms that, in the Secretary's judgment, are in keeping with sound project development. In addition, land sale and exchange contracts shall be on a basis that, in the Secretary's judgment, provides for the return, in a reasonable period of years, of not less than the appraised value of the land and improvements thereon. Qualification of applicants for the purchase of land for irrigation farming shall be prescribed as provided in section 433 of title 43, notwithstanding any other provisions of law. No farm unit shall be sold to, and no contract to sell a farm unit shall be entered into with, any person, corporation, or joint-stock association which has theretofore purchased or entered into a contract to purchase a farm unit from the United States on the Columbia Basin project. The foregoing provisions of this subsection shall apply only to the sale of farm units

which are suitable for settlement purposes. Farm units which, in the opinion of the Secretary, are not suitable for settlement purposes may be sold with a preference to resident project landowners as supplemental units, subject to the applicable irrigable acreage limitations on the delivery of water, but the purchasers thereof shall not be entitled to benefits of the Act of August 13, 1953 (67 Stat. 566) [43 U.S.C. 451 et seq.] with respect thereto.

(May 27, 1937, ch. 269, §4, 50 Stat. 210; Mar. 10, 1943, ch. 14, 57 Stat. 18; Sept. 26, 1950, ch. 1048, §1(4), 64 Stat. 1037; Pub. L. 85-264, §1(d), Sept. 2, 1957, 71 Stat. 591; Pub. L. 87-728, §3, Oct. 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 678.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is act May 27, 1937, ch. 269, as amended generally by act Mar. 10, 1943, ch. 14, 57 Stat. 14, known as The Columbia Basin Project Act, which enacted this section, sections 835, 835a, 835b, and 835c-1 to 835c-5 of this title, and provisions set out as a note under section 835 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 835 of this title and Tables.

Act of August 13, 1953, referred to in text, is act Aug. 13, 1953, ch. 428, 67 Stat. 566, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter VII (§451 et seq.) of chapter 12 of Title 43, Public Lands. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1962—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 87-728 struck out provisions stating as a purpose of this section the prevention of speculation in project lands, and deleted from among the duties of the Secretary, those to establish town sites on such lands, and to disseminate information by appropriate means and methods.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 87-728 authorized farm units which are not suitable for settlement purposes to be sold with a preference to resident project landowners as supplemental units, subject to the applicable irrigable acreage limitations on the delivery of water, and prohibiting purchasers thereof from receiving benefits of the Act of August 13, 1953, with respect thereto, eliminated provisions which required land sale and exchange contracts, in the case of lands to be included in farm units, to provide for the application of provisions similar to those of the recordable contracts provided under section 835a(c) of this title, and each applicant for the purchase of land for irrigation farming to agree that he, his heirs and assigns will not, except with the Secretary's approval, sell, assign, lease, or otherwise dispose of his land during a period ending five years from the date of his purchase contract, and prohibiting applications for a farm unit from any person who, or a member of whose family, then has outstanding another application for a farm unit on the project or to whom a farm unit could not at the time of application lawfully be sold under sections 835 and 835a to 835c-5 of this title, substituted provisions prohibiting the sale of a farm unit to, and the entering into a contract to sell a farm unit with, any person, corporation, or joint-stock association which has theretofore purchased or entered into a contract to purchase a farm unit from the United States on the Columbia Basin project for provisions which prohibited the sale of a farm unit to, and the entering into a contract to sell a farm unit with, any person, corporation, joint-stock association, or family which has theretofore purchased or entered into a contract to purchase a farm unit under sections 835 and 835a to 835c-5 of this title or which then owns a farm unit within the Columbia Basin project, but not precluding a purchase or contract to purchase by a person, otherwise eligible, whose farm unit has been or is acquired by the United States for exchange purposes or, if he is 18 years of age or older, whose family purchased