

section (e) in advance of delivery of water on an annual, semiannual, bimonthly, or monthly basis as specified in the contract.<sup>3</sup>

(6) include a reasonable construction component in the rates set out in any long-term contract hereafter entered into under subsection (e) of section 485h of this title prior to amortization of that part of the cost of constructing the project which is assigned to be repaid by the contracting party.

(July 2, 1956, ch. 492, § 1, 70 Stat. 483; Pub. L. 96-375, § 8, Oct. 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 1507.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 which comprises this subchapter.

#### AMENDMENTS

1980—Cl. (5). Pub. L. 96-375 authorized payments on a bimonthly and monthly basis.

### § 485h-2. Amendments to existing contracts

The Secretary is authorized to negotiate amendments to existing contracts entered into pursuant to subsection (e) of section 485h of this title to conform said contracts to the provisions of sections 485h-1 to 485h-5 of this title.

(July 2, 1956, ch. 492, § 2, 70 Stat. 484.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 which comprises this subchapter.

### § 485h-3. “Long-term contract” defined

As used in sections 485h-1 to 485h-5 of this title, the term “long-term contract” shall mean any contract the term of which is more than ten years.

(July 2, 1956, ch. 492, § 3, 70 Stat. 484.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 which comprises this subchapter.

### § 485h-4. Application of State laws

Nothing in sections 485h-1 to 485h-5 of this title shall be construed as affecting or intended to affect or to in any way interfere with the laws of any State relating to the control, appropriation, use, or distribution of water used in irrigation, or any vested right acquired thereunder, and the Secretary in carrying out the provisions of such sections, shall proceed in conformity with such laws, and nothing herein shall in any way affect any right of any State or of the Federal Government or of any landowner, appropriator, or user of water in, to, or from any interstate stream or the waters thereof: *Provided*, That the right to the use of water acquired under the provisions of such sections shall be appurtenant to the land irrigated and beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure, and the limit of the right.

(July 2, 1956, ch. 492, § 4, 70 Stat. 484.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 which comprises this subchapter.

### § 485h-5. Supplement to Federal reclamation laws

Sections 485h-1 to 485h-5 of this title shall be a supplement to the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto).

(July 2, 1956, ch. 492, § 5, 70 Stat. 484.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of June 17, 1902, referred to in text, is 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 was not enacted as part of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 which comprises this subchapter.

### § 485h-6. Repayment contracts; amendment for provision, addition or modification of irrigation blocks

After the execution of a contract pursuant to the authority of section 9(d)(1) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 [43 U.S.C. 485h(d)(1)] and prior to the commencement of the development period provided thereunder, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to amend such contract to provide for irrigation blocks, or if such are already provided, to add to or modify such irrigation blocks, as he shall deem desirable to carry out the purposes of that Act.

(Pub. L. 87-613, § 1, Aug. 28, 1962, 76 Stat. 407.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

That Act, referred to in text, means 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 section 485k of this title and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 which comprises this subchapter.

### § 485h-7. Amendment of repayment contract for payment of annual installments in two parts

In any repayment contract which provides for payment of construction charges by single annual installments, the Secretary may by agreement with the contracting organization amend such contract to provide for the payment of such annual installments in two parts on such dates in the calendar year as may best enable the contracting organization to meet its payments.

(Pub. L. 87-613, § 3, Aug. 28, 1962, 76 Stat. 408.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 which comprises this subchapter.

### § 485i. Rules and regulations

The Secretary is authorized to perform any and all acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this subchapter into full force and effect.

<sup>3</sup> So in original. The period probably should be “; and”.

(Aug. 4, 1939, ch. 418, §15, 53 Stat. 1198.)

#### § 485j. Effect on existing laws

The provisions of previous Acts of Congress not inconsistent with the provisions of this subchapter shall remain in full force and effect.

(Aug. 4, 1939, ch. 418, §16, 53 Stat. 1198.)

#### CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LAWS

Act Aug. 4, 1939, ch. 418, §18, 53 Stat. 1198, provided that: "Nothing in this Act [see section 485k of this title] shall be construed to amend the Boulder Canyon Project Act (45 Stat. 1057), as amended [section 617 et seq. of this title]."

#### § 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 oper-

ation 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,

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