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sum equal to 50 per centum of the fair market value, all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the following-described land:

Beginning at a point on the south line of the State Secondary Highway also known as Queen Avenue, thirty and nine-tenths feet south ten degrees fifty minutes west of the northeast corner of George W. Cline DLC numbered 84 in township 11 south, range 4 west, of the Willamette meridian in Linn County, Oregon; and running thence south ten degrees fifty minutes west along the east line of said claim two hundred and eighty-five feet to a point where the projection of the west line of Liberty Street would intersect said claim line; thence north no degrees forty-eight minutes west along the projection of said Liberty Street two hundred seventy-seven and eight-tenths feet to the south line of Queen Avenue; thence north eighty-six degrees fifty-seven minutes east along said line fifty-seven and seventy-one one-hundredths feet to the place of beginning.

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[CHAPTER 760]

AN ACT

October 26, 1949
[H. R. 6281]
[Public Law 413]

To provide for certain improvements relating to the Capitol Power Plant, its distribution systems, and the buildings and grounds served by the plant, including proposed additions.

Capitol Power Plant.
Improvements authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the House Office Building Commission, is hereby authorized and directed to effect the following improvements, with such modifications as the Commission may approve, relating to the Capitol Power Plant, its distribution systems, and the buildings and grounds served by the plant, including proposed additions:

(1) Convert the electrical lighting and power systems and other electrical equipment in all buildings and grounds, including the refrigeration plant, now served by the Capitol Power Plant, from twenty-five cycle and direct current to sixty cycle alternating current.

(2) Upon completion of such conversion, discontinue generating electrical energy at the Capitol Power Plant and purchase all electrical energy for the buildings and grounds now supplied by the plant; and prior to the completion of such conversion, the Architect of the Capitol, with the approval of the House Office Building Commission, may purchase such electrical energy as he may deem necessary for such buildings and grounds.

(3) Install, in lieu of present boiler equipment, two new modern spreader stoker-fired, coal-burning boilers, each approximately one hundred and eighty thousand pounds per hour capacity, four hundred pounds per square inch gage, including necessary auxiliary equipment, in the existing Capitol Power Plant building, for supplying steam for heating and other existing services for the buildings now supplied by the plant and the additional office building authorized by Public Law 785, Eightieth Congress, to be so supplied.

62 Stat. 1028.

(4) Construct a new walk-through tunnel, including branch tunnels, from the Capitol Power Plant to the Senate Office Building, to be routed under North Carolina Avenue Southeast, Second Street Southeast and Northeast, and C Street Northeast; and upon completion of the new tunnel, abandon the section of the existing main steam tunnel structure between the Old House Office Building and the Senate Office Building when the same is no longer required for service.

62 Stat. 1028.

(5) Install in the new tunnel duplicate steam supply lines and a condensate return line and necessary auxiliary equipment to supply steam for heating the buildings now being supplied by the section of the tunnel to be abandoned and the additional office building authorized by Public Law 785, Eightieth Congress; and install in the new tunnel chilled water lines for supplying air-conditioning refrigeration from the Capitol Power Plant for the First Street wing of the Senate Office Building, the United States Supreme Court Building, the Library of Congress Annex, and the additional office building authorized by Public Law 785, Eightieth Congress, with provision for future service lines to the main Library of Congress building.

(6) Increase the capacity of the refrigeration plant at the Capitol Power Plant from four thousand eight hundred tons to approximately eight thousand eight hundred tons of refrigeration by the installation of two or more centrifugal compressor units, complete with pumps and necessary auxiliary equipment and connected to the chilled water-distribution system; install a cooling tower at the Capitol Power Plant site in replacement of the existing river pumphouse to supply cooling water for the refrigeration plant; and install piping, valves, transformer substation and electrical equipment, and all other necessary incidental items.

Public-utility installations.

SEC. 2. The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the House Office Building Commission, is hereby authorized and directed to make arrangements for such public-utility installations as may be necessary for the supplying of the electrical energy to be purchased under the authority of this Act. The appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, for expenses in connection with the maintenance and operation of the Capitol Power Plant shall be available for purchasing such electrical energy.

Availability of appropriation.

Contract authority.

SEC. 3. The Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the House Office Building Commission, is hereby authorized and directed to enter into such contracts and to make such expenditures for labor, materials, equipment, personal and other services, structural and other changes, and other items and purposes, as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. In employing the engineering services for the project herein authorized, competition shall be restricted to not less than three competent firms of engineers.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 975.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a total amount not to exceed $16,446,000 to carry out the provisions of this Act, and the Architect of the Capitol, under the direction of the House Office Building Commission, is authorized to obligate such total amount, prior to the actual appropriation of the full amount thereof, after an appropriation of any part of such total amount shall have been made.

Approved October 26, 1949.

[CHAPTER 764]

October 27, 1949
[S. 1578]
[Public Law 414]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Army to proceed with construction at stations of the Alaska Communication System.

Alaska Communication System.
Construction authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Army is hereby authorized to establish or develop installations and facilities by the construction, installation, or equipment of temporary or permanent public works, including buildings, facilities, appurtenances, and utilities, at stations of the Alaska Communication System at the following locations: