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of cost of system, June 30, 1920. In pursuance of the act of February 14, 1920 (41 Stat. 409; 25 U. S. C. 386), regulations governing partial payment of construction charges on Indian irrigation projects, with the exception of certain ones mentioned therein, were approved by the Department June 21, 1920, and require that each owner of irrigable land under any irrigation system constructed for the benefit of Indians under provisions of law requiring reimbursement of the cost of such system and to which land, water for irrigation purposes can be delivered from such system, shall pay, on or before November 15, 1920, a sum equal to 5 percent of the per acre cost, as of June 30, 1920, of the construction of the system under which such land is situated. The per acre cost of a given system as of June 30, 1920, shall be determined by dividing the total amount expended for construction purposes on such system up to that date by the total area of land to which water for irrigation purposes can be delivered on that date; and on November 15 of each year following the year 1920, until further notice, the land owners, as therein prescribed, shall pay 5 percent of the per acre construction cost as of June 30 of the current year, such per acre cost to be determined by dividing the cost of the system to June 30 of that year by the total area of land to which water for irrigation purposes can be delivered from the system on that date. Provision is contained that no payments shall be required under the regulations in behalf of lands still in process of allotment or prior to the issuance of the first or trust patent therefor, nor for lands reserved for school, agency, or other administrative purposes where the legal title still remains in the United States.

§ 211.2 *Landowners financially unable to pay.* Considerable difficulty has been encountered in collecting charges under the regulations in this part owing to the fact that Indians have been financially unable to pay the charges, the result being that the construction charges have accrued against the lands and in cases where the land is sold for the benefit of the allottee or his heirs under the regulations, the purchaser is to pay the accrued and future irrigation charges which make it difficult in some instances, to sell the land at as favorable terms as might otherwise be secured.

§ 211.3 *Period for payments extended.* Furthermore, in recent legislation dealing with specific projects in the Bureau and also all reclamation projects the policy has been to extend the payment of such charges over a longer period of years.

§ 211.4 *Annual payment reduced.* In view of these conditions the regulations governing this matter are hereby modified so as to distribute the unaccrued installments over a period of time so that 2½ percent of the total amount yet due shall be due and payable on November 15 of each year until further notice. You shall accordingly ascertain the per acre cost after deducting the amount of the accrued charges and take 2½ percent of that amount and a like sum each year so that the amount of the annual installments will be the same each year. Superintendents are obligated to submit all proposed lists of sales involving allotments containing irrigable allotments to the project or supervising engineer for checking, as to the irrigable acreage and amounts of unpaid construction, operation, and maintenance charges against such allotments. Each sale forwarded to the Bureau for action shall be accompanied by contract executed on Form 5-462b where irrigable acreage is involved and after approval thereof a copy of contract on said form shall be sent to the project engineer for his records and the charges paid by the purchaser shall be turned over to the disbursing agent for credit and deposit as instructed in the next paragraph. The regulations in this part shall not apply to lands on the Wapato project, on the Yakima Indian Reservation, nor to the irrigation projects on the Blackfeet, Fort Peck, Flathead, and Crow Reservations, Montana, for which special regulations have been issued nor to the Fort Hall Reservation, Idaho, or the San Carlos project, Arizona.

CROSS REFERENCES: For special regulations applying to San Carlos project, see Part 215 of this chapter. For further information concerning Form 5-462B, see Part 128 of this chapter.

§ 211.4a *Assessment and collection of additional construction costs.* (a) Upon the completion of the construction of an Indian irrigation project, or unit thereof, subsequent to the determination of the initial per acre construction assessment rate which was fixed prior to July 1, 1957 pursuant to § 211.4 the Secretary of the Interior or his authorized representative shall determine such additional construction cost and distribute that cost on a per acre basis against all of the irrigable lands of the project, or unit thereof, and such of such per acre additional construction cost thus determined shall be assessed and collected annually from the non-Indian landowner of the project, or unit, thereof. The first installment shall be due and payable on November 15 of the year following the completion of such additional construction work or, if such additional construction work on the project, or unit thereof, has been completed prior to July 1, 1957 and the per acre annual rate determined, the first installment of the additional construction cost to be repaid by such non-Indian landowners shall be due and payable on November 15, 1958. This annual per acre rate shall be in addition to, and run concurrently with, the per acre construction rate assessed annually under § 211.4.

(b) Project lands in Indian ownership are not subject to assessment for their proportionate share of the per acre construction cost of the project, or unit thereof, until after the Indian title to the land has been extinguished. At that time the total annual per acre assessment rate against non-Indian lands of the project, or unit thereof, shall be assessed against the former Indian lands for each and every acre of irrigable land to which water can be delivered through the project works, beginning on November 15 of the year following the extinguishment of the Indian title to the land and on November 15 of each year thereafter over a forty year period. In cases where the Indian title to project land was extinguished prior to July 1, 1957 the assessment rate shall be due and payable on November 15, 1958.

§ 211.5 *Payments to disbursing officer.* Payments under this part shall be made to the disbursing officer for the supervising engineer of the Indian Irrigation Service having jurisdiction over the irrigation system under which the land for which payment is made may lie. The sum so collected, will then, after proper credit has been made to the land for which collected, be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the respective funds used in constructing irrigation systems toward which reimbursement shall have been made.

§ 211.6 *"Owner" defined.* The word "owner" as used in this part shall be construed to include any person, Indian or white, or any firm, partnership, corporation, association, or other organization to whom title to the land capable of irrigation, as provided in the act of February 14, 1920 (41 Stat. 409; 25 U. S. C. 386), has passed, either by fee or trust patent, or otherwise.

§ 211.7 *Modification.* The act of July 1, 1932 (47 Stat. 564; 25 U. S. C. 386a), cancelled all irrigation assessments for construction costs against lands in Indian ownership which were unpaid at that date and deferred all future assessments for construction costs until the Indian title to the land shall have been extinguished.

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AUTHORITY: §§ 212.1 to 212.23 issued under sec. 15, 60 Stat. 338.

SOURCE: §§ 212.1 to 212.23 appear at 22 F. R. 10044, Dec. 24, 1957.

SUBPART A—CHARGES ASSESSED AGAINST IRRIGATION DISTRICT LANDS

§ 212.1 *Contracts.* Under provisions of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1946 (60 Stat. 333-338), contracts were executed June 28, 1951, by the United States with the Lower Little Horn and Ledge Grass Irrigation District and the Upper Little Horn Irrigation District providing for the payment, over a period

[1] The special regulations for Wapato, Fort Peck, and Flathead, were not modified. Operations of the Blackfeet project were discontinued by the Bureau, July 20, 1938, effective September 30, 1933.

of 40 years, by each of the Districts of its respective share of the sum of $210,726 expended for the construction of the Willow Creek storage works on account of non-Indian lands within the Districts entitled to share in the storage water, directly or by substitution.

§ 212.2 *Annual rate of assessments.* Within the Lower Little Horn and Lodge Grass Irrigation District there are 3,196.8 acres for which the District is obligated by contract to pay its proper share of the total construction costs. Within the Upper Little Horn Irrigation District there are 1,554.7 acres for which the District is obligated by contract to pay its proper share of the total construction costs. There are 3,237.6 acres, more or less, covered by contracts with private landowners, obligating such owners to pay their proper share of such construction costs. The total per acre charge against all such lands is $26.38. This amounts to an annual per acre rate of $0.6595. For the purpose of this notice the annual per acre rate is hereby fixed at $0.66. This annual per acre rate of assessment will continue for a 40-year period within which the total amount of construction costs of $210,726 is to be repaid without interest. The amount of each annual installment chargeable against each of the Districts for the acreage covered by their respective contracts shall be determined by multiplying the total acreage under each contract entitled to Willow Creek storage rights, either directly or by substitution, by the per acre annual rate.

§ 212.3 *Annual assessments.* Notice is hereby given of an annual assessment of $2,108.05 to be repaid by the Lower Little Horn and Lodge Grass Irrigation District for the 3,196.8 acres of irrigable land of the District, and an annual assessment of $1,025.06 to be repaid by the Upper Little Horn Irrigation District for the 1,554.7 acres of irrigable land of the District. Against the amounts due annually by the Districts under this notice, there shall be allowed any credits due under section 6 of the act of June 38 1946. Credits due on behalf of any land shall be reflected by the respective Districts when placing against such land the annual assessment on the tax rolls.

§ 212.4 *Time of payment.* Annual assessments shall be paid by the Districts to the United States, one-half thereof on or before February 1 and one-half thereof on or before July 1 following, of each year commencing with the calendar year 1952.

§ 212.5 *Penalty.* To all assessments not paid on the due date, there shall be added a penalty of one-half of one percent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date so long as the delinquency continues.

§ 212.6 *Refusal of water delivery.* The right is reserved to the United States to refuse the delivery of water to each of the said Irrigation Districts in the event of default in the payment of assessments, including penalties on account of delinquencies.

SUBPART B—CHARGES ASSESSED AGAINST NON-INDIAN LANDS NOT INCLUDED IN AN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

§ 212.20 *Private contract lands; assessments.* In addition to 4,751.5 acres of non-Indian land included within the two irrigation Districts dealt with in Subpart A, there are 3,237.6 acres of land, more or less, in non-Indian ownership under private ditches, covered by repayment contracts executed pursuant to the act of June 28, 1946 (60 Stat. 332) obligating such owners to pay their proper share of such construction costs. The total per acre charge against all such lands is $26.38. This amounts to an annual per acre rate of $0.6595. For the purposes of this notice the annual per acre rate is hereby fixed at $0.66. This annual rate of assessment will continue for a 40-year period within which the total amount of construction cost of $210,726 is to be repaid without interest. The amount of each annual installment chargeable against the lands covered by each of the several contracts with individual landowners whose lands are served under private ditches, shall be determined by multiplying the total acreage, under each contract entitled to Willow Creek storage rights, either directly or by substitution, by the per acre annual rate. Against the amounts due annually by the individual landowners whose lands are served by private ditches, under this notice, there shall be allowed any credits due under section 6 of the act of June 28, 1946. Credits due on behalf of any land shall be reflected in any statement submitted to the landowners.

§ 212.21 *Time of payment.* The amount of each annual installment payable under the private landowner contracts, determined as provided in this part shall be paid by the landowners to the United States, on or before November 15 of each year commencing with the calendar year 1951.

§ 212.22 *Penalty.* To all assessments not paid on the due date there shall be added a penalty of one-half of one per cent per month or fraction thereof, from the due date so long as the delinquency continues.

§ 212.23 *Refusal of water delivery.* The right is reserved to refuse the delivery of water to any landowner in the event of default in the payment of assessments, including penalties on account of delinquencies.

Part 213—Fort Hall Indian Irrigation Project, Idaho

Sec.
213.1 Repayment contracts.
213.2 Construction costs.
213.3 Repayment of construction costs.

AUTHORITY: §§ 213.1 to 213.3 issued under sec. 9, 46 Stat. 1068.

SOURCE: §§ 213.1 to 213.3 appear at 22 F. R. 10645, Dec. 24, 1957.

§ 213.1 *Repayment contracts.* A rehabilitation program was established on the Fort Hall Unit of the Fort Hall Project in 1936. Based upon the estimated construction costs, contracts were signed by all non-Indian landowners within the project, including such landowners within the Little Indian Unit, now a part of the Fort Hall Unit. Under the terms of their contracts, the landowners agreed to repay to the Government their pro rata share, on an acreage basis, of all expenditures for construction and other necessary improvements for carrying out the approved program, payments not to exceed $7.50 per acre, based upon an estimated expenditure of $450,000.00 for a project then considered as covering approximately 60,000 acres.

§ 213.2 *Construction costs.* The program of rehabilitation has now been completed at a cost of $419,130.52. This amount, chargeable on an equal per acre basis against 60,000 acres, amounts to a rate of $6.980 per acre, which rate is hereby determined to be the per acre cost to be repaid to the United States under the 1936 contracts.

§ 213.3 *Repayment of construction costs.* Under the terms of the contracts, the landowners agreed to repay the construction cost in forty (40) equal annual installments. Therefore, the annual per acre installment is hereby fixed at seventeen and one-half cents (17½¢) per acre, due and payable on December 1st of each year, the first payment being due on December 1, 1955. Under section 4 of the repayment contracts of the landowners and the act of March 10, 1928 (45 Stat. 210), the charges remain a lien against the lands until paid.

Part 214—Reimbursement of Construction Costs, Lummi Indian Diking Project, Washington

Sec.
214.1 Enabling Act.
214.2 Land classification.
214.3 Construction charges.
214.4 Payment.
214.5 Default.

AUTHORITY: §§ 214.1 to 214.5 issued under sec. 5, 44 Stat. 242.

SOURCE: §§ 214.1 to 214.5 appear at 22 F. R. 10645, Dec. 24, 1957.

§ 214.1 *Enabling Act.* In pursuance of the provisions of the act of Congress approved March 16, 1926 (44 Stat. 242) entitled "An Act for the purpose of reclaiming certain lands in Indian and private ownership within and immediately adjacent to the Lummi Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington, and for other purposes," notice is hereby given, that the total cost of the project has been distributed equitably by the Secretary of the Interior among the lands benefited by the project in accordance with the benefits received by the land.

§ 214.2 *Land classification.* That for the purpose of fixing these costs or charges, the Secretary of the Interior has divided the lands benefited into four classes to wit: Classes 1, 2, 3, and 4, and maps showing such classification are on file in the office of the proper supervising engineer of the Bureau, and in the office of the superintendent of the Lummi Reservation at Sulalla, Washington.

§ 214.3 *Construction charges.* The total construction cost of the project together with the estimated cost of certain additional improvements is the sum of $70,821.34. The construction cost assessed against each acre of land benefited by the project is stated in the schedule of charges and by this reference made a part of this notice: *Provided,*