approximately four thousand acres of lands in Indian and private
ownership within and immediately adjacent to the Lummi Indian
Reservation, in the State of Washington: Provided, That the total
cost of the project shall be distributed equitably among the lands
in Indian ownership and the lands in private ownership that may
be benefited in accordance with the benefits received as designated
by the Secretary of the Interior.

Sec. 2. The construction charge properly assessable against the
Indian lands shall be reimbursed to the Treasury of the United
States under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the
Interior may prescribe, and there is hereby created a lien against all
such lands, which lien shall be recited in any patent issued therefor,
prior to the reimbursement of the total amount chargeable against
such lands.

Sec. 3. No part of the sum provided for herein shall be expended
for construction on account of any lands in private ownership until
an appropriate repayment contract in accordance with the terms
of this Act and in form approved by the Secretary of the Interior shall
have been properly executed by the landowners whose lands may be
benefited by the project.

Sec. 4. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and
directed to declare by public notice the cost of the project and the
equitable share to be assessed against the lands benefited in
accordance with their respective benefits, which cost shall be repaid
in annual installments, the first installment to be 5 per centum of the
total charge and be due and payable on the 1st day of December of the
third year following the date of such public notice, the remainder
of the said cost with interest on deferred amounts against land in
private ownership from the date of said public notice to be 4 per
centum per annum, to be payable on each December 1 thereafter, on
the same basis as the first installment, until the obligation is paid
in full.

Sec. 5. The Secretary of the Interior is hereby 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 Act into full force and effect.

Approved, March 18, 1926.