

WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME AS DETERMINED BY SAID SECRETARY, RECEIVE ADEQUATE SERVICE FROM A PROJECT OWNED BY A MUNICIPALITY AND OPERATED IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, EXCEPT UPON THE REQUEST OF THE APPROPRIATE MUNICIPALITY AND PURSUANT TO A VOLUNTARY CONTRACT BETWEEN THE SERVICE AND SUCH MUNICIPALITY.

4. *Powers generally.*

*The Service is granted and has and may exercise all powers necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Article, including, but not limited to, the following rights and powers:*

- (a) To have perpetual existence as a corporation;*
- (b) To adopt bylaws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Natural Resources;*
- (c) To adopt an official seal and alter the same at pleasure;*
- (d) To maintain an office or offices at such place or places as it designates, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Natural Resources;*
- (e) To appoint ~~officers~~, agents, employees, and servants, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Natural Resources, and to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation as set forth in this Article;*
- (f) To sue and be sued;*
- (g) To acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, improve, maintain lease as lessor or as lessee, repair and operate projects within or without the State of Maryland and to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the use of any project, and to acquire, purchase, hold, lease as lessee, and use any franchise and any property, real, personal or mixed, tangible or intangible, or any interest therein necessary or convenient for carrying out the purposes of the Service and to sell, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any property or interest therein at any time acquired by it;*
- (h) To acquire by gift, purchase, or the exercise of the right of eminent domain, in the manner prescribed by Article 33A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as from time to time amended, real property or rights in real property or water rights in connection therewith; and at any time after the ten days following the return and recordation of the verdict or award in any condemnation proceedings, the Service may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of said award and all costs taxed to that date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant; but at the time of said payment, however, the Service shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment in such appeal or further proceedings;*
- (i) To borrow money and to issue revenue bonds or bond anticipation notes for the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost*