

ADVISORY, TECHNICAL, AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES

THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH SUCH ADVISORY, TECHNICAL, AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY, MEMBERSHIP ON WHICH SHALL INCLUDE PRIVATE PERSONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND SHALL COOPERATE WITH AND USE THE SERVICES OF ANY SUCH COMMITTEES AND THE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH THE MEMBERS REPRESENT IN FURTHERING ANY OF ITS ACTIVITIES. SUCH COMMITTEES MAY BE FORMED TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO ANY PARTY STATES, PROBLEMS DEALING WITH PARTICULAR COMMODITIES OR TYPES OF MINING OPERATIONS, PROBLEMS RELATED TO RECLAMATION, DEVELOPMENT, OR USE OF MINED LAND, OR ANY OTHER MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THE COMMISSION.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCE

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR OR DESIGNATED OFFICER OR OFFICERS OF EACH PARTY STATE A BUDGET OF ITS ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR SUCH PERIOD AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE LAWS OF THAT PARTY STATE FOR PRESENTATION TO THE LEGISLATURE THEREOF.

(B) EACH OF THE COMMISSION'S BUDGETS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES SHALL CONTAIN SPECIFIED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AMOUNT OR AMOUNTS TO BE APPROPRIATED BY EACH OF THE PARTY STATES. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED UNDER ANY SUCH BUDGET SHALL BE APPORTIONED AMONG THE PARTY STATES AS FOLLOWS: ONE-HALF IN EQUAL SHARES, AND THE REMAINDER IN PROPORTION TO THE VALUE OF MINERALS, ORES, AND OTHER SOLID MATTER MINED. IN DETERMINING SUCH VALUES, THE COMMISSION SHALL EMPLOY SUCH AVAILABLE PUBLIC SOURCE OR SOURCES OF INFORMATION AS, IN ITS JUDGMENT, PRESENT THE MOST EQUITABLE AND ACCURATE COMPARISONS AMONG THE PARTY STATES. EACH OF THE COMMISSION'S BUDGETS OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES AND REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS SHALL INDICATE THE SOURCE OR SOURCES USED IN OBTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING VALUE OF MINERALS, ORES, AND OTHER SOLID MATTER MINED.

(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT PLEDGE THE CREDIT OF ANY PARTY STATE. THE COMMISSION MAY MEET ANY OF ITS OBLIGATIONS IN WHOLE OR IN PART WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE TO IT UNDER ARTICLE V(H) OF THIS COMPACT: PROVIDED THAT THE COMMISSION TAKES SPECIFIC ACTION SETTING ASIDE SUCH FUNDS PRIOR TO INCURRING ANY OBLIGATION TO