

PERMIT THE DECENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATION THEREOF;

4. QUALIFY AS A SPONSORING AGENCY UNDER ANY FEDERAL LEGISLATION HERETOFORE OR HEREAFTER ENACTED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL OR OTHER ASSISTANCE FOR THE PLANNING, CONSERVATION, UTILIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT, OR CONTROL OF WATER RESOURCES.

3.8. ALLOCATIONS, DIVERSIONS, AND RELEASES. —

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE POWER FROM TIME TO TIME AS THE NEED APPEARS, TO ALLOCATE THE WATERS OF THE BASIN TO AND AMONG THE STATES SIGNATORY TO THIS COMPACT AND IMPOSE RELATED CONDITIONS, OBLIGATIONS, AND RELEASE REQUIREMENTS.

(B) THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE POWER FROM TIME TO TIME AS THE NEED APPEARS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER RIVER BASIN COMMISSIONS OR OTHER STATES WITH RESPECT TO IN-BASIN AND OUT-OF-BASIN ALLOCATIONS, WITHDRAWALS, AND DIVERSIONS.

(C) NO ALLOCATION OF WATERS MADE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL CONSTITUTE A PRIOR APPROPRIATION OF THE WATERS OF THE BASIN OR CONFER ANY SUPERIORITY OF RIGHT IN RESPECT TO THE USE OF THOSE WATERS, NOR SHALL ANY SUCH ACTION BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE AN APPORTIONMENT OF THE WATERS OF THE BASIN AMONG THE PARTIES HERETO. THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT THE POWER OF THE COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO COVENANTS WITH RESPECT TO WATER SUPPLY, WITH A DURATION NOT EXCEEDING THE LIFE OF THIS COMPACT, AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY FOR THE BENEFIT OR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE BASIN.

3.9. RATES AND CHARGES. —THE COMMISSION, FROM TIME TO TIME AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING UPON DUE NOTICE GIVEN MAY FIX, ALTER, AND REVISE RATES, RENTALS, CHARGES, AND TOLLS, AND CLASSIFICATIONS THEREOF, WITHOUT REGULATION OR CONTROL BY ANY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE, OR AGENCY OF ANY SIGNATORY PARTY, FOR THE USE OF FACILITIES OWNED OR OPERATED BY IT, AND ANY SERVICES OR PRODUCTS WHICH IT PROVIDES.

3.10. REFERRAL AND REVIEW. —NO PROJECTS AFFECTING THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE BASIN, EXCEPT THOSE NOT REQUIRING REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION UNDER PARAGRAPH 3 FOLLOWING, SHALL BE UNDERTAKEN BY ANY PERSON, GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER ENTITY PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO AND APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION OR APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE