of this compact, provided that the board takes specific action setting aside such funds prior to the incurring of any obligation to be met in whole or in part in this manner. Except where the board makes use of funds available to it under Article II (h) hereof, the board shall not incur any obligation prior to the allotment of funds by the party jurisdictions adequate to meet the same.

- [(d) Any expenses and any other costs for each of the board in attending board meetings shall be met by the board in accordance with the standard travel regulations.]
- [(e)] (D) The board shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the board shall be subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the board shall be audited yearly by a qualified public accountant and the report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the board.
- [(f)] (E) The accounts of the board shall be open at any reasonable time for inspection.

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## Article IV. Advisory Committees

The board may establish such advisory and technical committees as it may deem necessary, membership on which to include but not be limited to private citizens, expert and lay personnel, representatives of industry, labor, commerce, agriculture, civic associations, medicine, education, voluntary health agencies, and officials of local, state and federal government, and may cooperate with and use the services of any such committees and the organizations which they represent in furthering any of its activities under this compact.

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## Article V. Powers

The board shall have power to:

- (a) Ascertain and analyze on a continuing basis the position of the South with respect to [nuclear and related] ENERGY, ENERGY-RELATED industries, AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.
- (b) Encourage the development, CONSERVATION, and RESPONSIBLE use of [nuclear] energy[,] AND ENERGY-RELATED facilities, installations, and products as part of a balanced economy AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT.
- (c) Collect, correlate, and disseminate information relating to civilian use of [nuclear] energy[,] AND ENERGY-RELATED materials and products.