

(5) CLASSIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES WHO ELECT NOT TO TRANSFER TO THE NEW PERSONNEL SYSTEM SHALL RETAIN ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1995.

(6) STATE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT CLASSIFIED IN THE STATE MERIT SYSTEM WHO ELECT NOT TO TRANSFER TO THE NEW PERSONNEL SYSTEM SHALL RETAIN SUCH RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS EXISTED ON JULY 1, 1993, UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1995.

(7) THE SERVICE SHALL PERMIT CONTINUATION OF THE RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS IN EXISTENCE ON JULY 1, 1993, TO REPRESENT EMPLOYEES AND TO COLLECT UNION DUES THROUGH A CHECKOFF SYSTEM. ~~THE SERVICE SHALL NOT ENTER INTO BINDING ARBITRATION OR BINDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS ESTABLISHING WAGES, HOURS, PENSION RIGHTS, OR WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE SERVICE IF STATE EMPLOYEES IN GENERAL ARE AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO ENTER INTO BINDING ARBITRATION OR BINDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS ESTABLISHING WAGES, HOURS, PENSION RIGHTS, OR WORKING CONDITIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES, THE SERVICE SHALL~~ MAY ENTER INTO THE SAME TYPE OF AGREEMENTS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE SERVICE.

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(a) The Service has all powers necessary for carrying out the purposes of this subtitle, including the following rights and powers set forth in this section.

(b) To have perpetual existence as a corporation.

(c) To adopt [, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Natural Resources,] bylaws, rules, regulations, policies, and procedures for the regulation of its affairs and conduct of its business.

(d) To adopt an official seal and alter it.

(e) To maintain [, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Natural Resources,] one or more offices at a place or places it chooses.

(f) To appoint [, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Natural Resources,] agents and employees, to prescribe their duties, and fix their compensation as set forth in this subtitle.

(g) To sue and be sued.

(h) To acquire, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, improve, maintain, lease as lessor or as lessee, repair and operate projects within or without the State. The Service shall establish reasonable rules and regulations for the use of any project. It may 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 to carry out the purposes of the Service. It may sell, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any property or interest in it that it has acquired.