

(7) TO BORROW, ACCEPT, HIRE, OR CONTRACT FOR SERVICES OF PERSONNEL;

(8) TO ESTABLISH AND APPOINT COMMITTEES AND HIRE STAFF WHICH IT DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE CARRYING OUT OF ITS FUNCTIONS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE III WHICH SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION IN CARRYING OUT ITS POWERS AND DUTIES HEREUNDER;

(9) TO ELECT OR APPOINT SUCH OFFICERS, ATTORNEYS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR CONSULTANTS, AND TO FIX THEIR COMPENSATION, DEFINE THEIR DUTIES, AND DETERMINE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS; AND TO ESTABLISH THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION'S PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROGRAMS RELATING TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, RATES OF COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL;

(10) TO ACCEPT ANY AND ALL DONATIONS AND GRANTS OF MONEY, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, MATERIALS, AND SERVICES, AND TO RECEIVE, UTILIZE, AND DISPOSE OF THE SAME;

(11) TO LEASE, PURCHASE, ACCEPT CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS OF, OR OTHERWISE TO OWN, HOLD, IMPROVE, OR USE ANY PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL, OR MIXED;

(12) TO SELL, CONVEY, MORTGAGE, PLEDGE, LEASE, EXCHANGE, ABANDON, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY PROPERTY, REAL, PERSONAL, OR MIXED;

(13) TO ESTABLISH A BUDGET AND MAKE EXPENDITURES AND LEVY DUES AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE VIII OF THIS COMPACT;

(14) TO SUE AND BE SUED;

(15) TO ADOPT A SEAL AND BYLAWS GOVERNING THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION;

(16) TO PERFORM SUCH FUNCTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMPACT;

(17) TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE LEGISLATURES, GOVERNORS, JUDICIARY, AND STATE COUNCILS OF THE COMPACTING STATES CONCERNING