

sixteen southern states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Congress (P.L. 87-563). Maryland ratified the Compact in 1963 (Chapter 680, Acts of 1963). The Board adopted its present name in 1977.

The Southern States Energy Board seeks to improve the economy of the South and the well-being of its people through cooperative efforts to ensure proper use and conservation of energy, and energy-related facilities, materials, and products with due regard for the environment.

Each member state is represented on the Board by its governor, who may appoint an alternate, and by one member from each house of the legislative branch, designated by the respective heads of those houses. Member jurisdictions include Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. Each supports the Board through an annual appropriation based on a formula outlined in the Compact (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 16-101 through 16-114).

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Chairperson: Warner M. Deputy, *U.S. Commissioner (alternate federal member)*

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The Susquehanna River Basin Commission was created upon the enactment of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the states of New York and Maryland, and Congress. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1967 (Chapter 391, Acts of 1967). The Commission superseded the Interstate Advisory Committee on the Susquehanna River Basin.

Based in Pennsylvania, the Commission formulates plans, policies, and projects for water resources

development, conservation, and management of the Basin. The annual report of the Commission is available on request.

The Commission consists of the governor from each signatory state and one member appointed by the President of the United States to serve at the pleasure of the President (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 8-301).

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is a governmental agency created by an interstate compact entered into by and between the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia with the consent of Congress. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1965 (Chapter 869, Acts of 1965).

The Authority was created to plan, finance, and develop a regional rapid transit system for the national capital area. That metrorail system, known as Metro, opened in 1976 with a single line less than five miles long. Linking Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia, Metro now is a 70-mile rail system of four lines, serving 64 stations. Upon completion, the system will be 103 miles long.

Congress, the General Assemblies of Maryland and Virginia, and the City Council of the District of Columbia have authorized the Authority to acquire and operate all mass transit bus facilities in the Washington, D.C., region. The Authority also maintains a regular police force to protect patrons, personnel, and property.