

PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION REQUIRING COMPETITIVE BIDS WHENEVER:

(1) THE PURCHASE IS TO BE MADE FROM OR THE CONTRACT IS TO BE MADE WITH A SIGNATORY OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR PURSUANT TO ANY OPEN-END, GENERAL SCHEDULE OR REQUIREMENTS PURCHASE CONTRACT OF ANY OF THEM;

(2) THE PUBLIC EXIGENCY REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF THE ARTICLES OR PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK OR SERVICE;

(3) ONLY ONE SOURCE OF SUPPLY IS AVAILABLE;

(4) STANDARDIZATION OF EQUIPMENT OR INTERCHANGABILITY OF PARTS IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; OR

(5) SERVICES ARE TO BE PROVIDED OF A SPECIALIZED OR PROFESSIONAL NATURE.

(G) WHENEVER REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION, OPEN-END, GENERAL SCHEDULE AND REQUIREMENTS PURCHASE CONTRACTS OF THE SIGNATORIES, THEIR AGENCIES, AND THEIR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS WITHIN THE BASIN, SHALL PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION MAY PURCHASE THEREUNDER; AND THE SIGNATORIES HEREBY AUTHORIZE THEIR RESPECTIVE CENTRAL PURCHASING AGENCIES TO MAKE PURCHASES FOR THE COMMISSION WHEN SO REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION.

15.03. INSURANCE. —THE COMMISSION MAY PURCHASE, AND PAY THE PREMIUMS FOR, INSURANCE AGAINST LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO ANY OF ITS PROPERTIES AND AGAINST LOSS OF REVENUE FROM ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER. SUCH INSURANCE COVERAGE SHALL BE IN SUCH FORM AND AMOUNT AS THE COMMISSION MAY DETERMINE, SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANY AGREEMENT OR INDENTURE ARISING OUT OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION SHALL OBTAIN INSURANCE AGAINST LIABILITY FOR INJURY TO PERSONS AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY IN SUCH AMOUNTS AS THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE.

15.04. EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS. —THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO ELECT TO BE COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF ANY LAW OF ANY SIGNATORY RELATING TO EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, IN ORDER THAT ITS EMPLOYEES MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH BENEFITS, AND UPON SUCH ELECTION THE COMMISSION SHALL BE DEEMED AN EMPLOYER WITHIN THE MEANING OF SUCH LAWS OF EACH SIGNATORY, AND THE COMMISSION SHALL HAVE AUTHORITY TO ELECT TO BE REMOVED