

AMENDMENTS

1959—Pub. L. 86-124 struck out “except that the provisions of sections 797(b) and 807 of this title shall continue to be applicable to any license issued for a hydroelectric development in the International Rapids section of the Saint Lawrence River” in first sentence.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“Secretary of Energy” and “Secretary” substituted in text for “Federal Power Commission” and “Commission”, respectively, pursuant to Pub. L. 95-91, §301(b), which is classified to section 7151(b) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

Federal Power Commission terminated and its functions, personnel, property, funds, etc., transferred to Secretary of Energy (except for certain functions transferred to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) by sections 7151(b), 7171(a), 7172(a), 7291, and 7293 of Title 42.

§ 828c. Applicability of this subchapter

Except as herein provided, the provisions of this subchapter shall not be construed as repealing or affecting any of the provisions of this chapter.

(Aug. 15, 1953, ch. 503, § 4, 67 Stat. 587.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Federal Power Act which generally comprises this chapter.

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§ 831. Creation; short title

For the purpose of maintaining and operating the properties now owned by the United States in the vicinity of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, in the interest of the National defense and for agricultural and industrial development, and to improve navigation in the Tennessee River and to control the destructive flood waters in the Tennessee River and Mississippi River Basins, there is created a body corporate by the name of the “Tennessee Valley Authority” (hereinafter referred to as the “Corporation”). The Board of Directors first appointed shall be deemed the incorporators, and the incorporation shall be held to have been effected from the date of the first meeting of the Board. This chapter may be cited as the “Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933.”

(May 18, 1933, ch. 32, §1, 48 Stat. 58; Pub. L. 108-447, div. C, title VI, §603(a), Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2966.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-447 substituted “Board of Directors” for “board of directors” and “Board” for “board”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-447 effective on the later of the date on which at least three persons nominated under section 604(a) of Pub. L. 108-447 take office or May 18, 2005, see section 604(b) of Pub. L. 108-447, set out in an Appointments; Effective Date; Transition note under section 831a of this title.

**§ 831a. Membership, operation, and duties of the Board of Directors**

**(a) Membership**

**(1) Appointment**

The Board of Directors of the Corporation (referred to in this chapter as the “Board”) shall be composed of 9 members appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, at least 7 of whom shall be a legal resident of the service area of the Corporation.

**(2) Chairman**

The members of the Board shall select 1 of the members to act as chairman of the Board.

**(b) Qualifications**

To be eligible to be appointed as a member of the Board, an individual—

- (1) shall be a citizen of the United States;
- (2) shall have management expertise relative to a large for-profit or nonprofit corporate, government, or academic structure;
- (3) shall not be an employee of the Corporation;
- (4) shall make full disclosure to Congress of any investment or other financial interest that the individual holds in the energy industry; and
- (5) shall affirm support for the objectives and missions of the Corporation, including being a national leader in technological innovation, low-cost power, and environmental stewardship.

**(c) Recommendations**

In appointing members of the Board, the President shall—

- (1) consider recommendations from such public officials as—
  - (A) the Governors of States in the service area;
  - (B) individual citizens;
  - (C) business, industrial, labor, electric power distribution, environmental, civic, and service organizations; and
  - (D) the congressional delegations of the States in the service area; and
- (2) seek qualified members from among persons who reflect the diversity, including the geographical diversity, and needs of the service area of the Corporation.

**(d) Terms**

**(1) In general**

A member of the Board shall serve a term of 5 years. A member of the Board whose term has expired may continue to serve after the member’s term has expired until the date on which a successor takes office, except that the member shall not serve beyond the end of the session of Congress in which the term of the member expires.

**(2) Vacancies**

A member appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board occurring before the expiration of the term for which the predecessor of the member was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of that term.

**(e) Quorum**

**(1) In general**

Five of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**(2) Vacancies**

A vacancy on the Board shall not impair the power of the Board to act.

**(f) Compensation**

**(1) In general**

A member of the Board shall be entitled to receive—

- (A) a stipend of—
  - (i) \$45,000 per year; or
  - (ii)(I) in the case of the chairman of any committee of the Board created by the Board, \$46,000 per year; or
  - (II) in the case of the chairman of the Board, \$50,000 per year; and

(B) travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in Government service under section 5703 of title 5.

**(2) Adjustments in stipends**

The amount of the stipends under paragraph (1)(A) shall be adjusted by the same percentage, at the same time and manner, and subject to the same limitations as are applicable to adjustments under section 5318 of title 5.

**(g) Duties**

**(1) In general**

The Board shall—

- (A) establish the broad goals, objectives, and policies of the Corporation that are appropriate to carry out this chapter;
- (B) develop long-range plans to guide the Corporation in achieving the goals, objectives, and policies of the Corporation and provide assistance to the chief executive officer to achieve those goals, objectives, and policies;
- (C) ensure that those goals, objectives, and policies are achieved;
- (D) approve an annual budget for the Corporation;
- (E) adopt and submit to Congress a conflict-of-interest policy applicable to members of the Board and employees of the Corporation;
- (F) establish a compensation plan for employees of the Corporation in accordance with subsection (i) of this section;
- (G) approve all compensation (including salary or any other pay, bonuses, benefits, incentives, and any other form of remuneration) of all managers and technical personnel that report directly to the chief executive officer (including any adjustment to compensation);
- (H) ensure that all activities of the Corporation are carried out in compliance with applicable law;