*** § 1199-ee. Powers of the authority.** The authority shall have the power:

1. To sue and be sued;

2. To have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

3. To borrow money and issue bonds or other obligations and to provide for the rights of the holders thereof;

4. To enter into contracts and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient or desirable for the purposes of the authority to carry out any powers expressly given it in this title;

5. To acquire by purchase, gift, grant, transfer, contract or lease or by condemnation pursuant to the eminent domain procedure law within the district, lease as lessee, hold, and use any real or personal property or any interest therein, as the authority may deem necessary, convenient or desirable to carry out the purposes of this title; provided, however, that the authority may not condemn real property of a municipality without the consent of the governing body of such municipality. In connection with the acquisition of such properties, the authority may assume any obligations of the owner of such properties and, to the extent required by the terms of any indentures or other instruments under which such obligations were issued, the authority may assume and agree to perform covenants and observe the restrictions contained in such instruments; and furthermore the owner of any properties, which the authority is authorized to acquire, is hereby authorized to sell or otherwise transfer the same to the authority, whereupon the authority shall become charged with the performance of all public duties with respect to such properties with which such owner was charged and such owner shall become discharged from the performance thereof, and as a means of so acquiring for such purpose, the authority may purchase all of the stock of any existing privately owned water corporation or company and in the case of a sale or other transfer of properties of a public utility corporation pursuant to this provision, upon the purchase of the stock of such corporation or company it shall be lawful to

dissolve such corporation within a reasonable time, and in the case of an acquisition of properties from a municipality pursuant to this provision, it may assume the primary responsibility for the payment of any bonds or notes issued by such municipality for such properties;

6. To construct, improve, maintain, develop, expand or rehabilitate water facilities;

7. To operate and manage and to contract for the operation and management of properties of the authority;

8. To enter into contracts, and carry out the terms thereof, for the wholesale provision of water produced by supply facilities constructed, operated or contracted for by the authority, to municipalities and to carry out the terms thereof, for the transmission of water from new or existing supply facilities;

9. To apply to the appropriate agencies and officials of the federal, state and local governments for such licenses, permits or approvals of its plans or projects as it may deem necessary or advisable, and upon such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate, and to accept, in its discretion, such licenses, permits or approvals as may be tendered to it by such agencies and officials;

10. To appoint such officers and employees as are required for the performance of its duties, to fix and determine their qualifications, duties and compensation, and to retain or employ counsel, auditors, engineers and private consultants on a contract basis or otherwise for rendering professional or technical services and advice;

11. To make plans and studies necessary, convenient or desirable for the effectuation of the purposes and powers of the authority and to prepare recommendations in regard thereto;

12. To enter upon such lands, waters or premises as in the judgment of the authority shall be necessary for the purpose of making surveys, soundings, borings and examinations to accomplish any purpose authorized

by this title, the authority being liable only for actual damage done;

13. To apply for and to accept any gifts or grants or loans of funds or property or financial or other aid in any form from the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from the state or any agency or instrumentality thereof or from any other source, for any or all of the purposes specified in this title, and to comply, subject to the provisions of this title, with the terms and conditions thereof;

14. To purchase water in bulk from any person, private corporation or municipality when necessary or convenient for the operation of such water system;

15. To produce, develop, distribute and sell water to the county and to any municipality within the territorial limits of the district;

16. To make by-laws for the management and regulation of its affairs and subject to agreements with bondholders, rules for the sale of water and the collection of rates and charges therefor. A copy of such rules and by-laws, and all amendments thereto, duly certified by the secretary of the authority shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of the county. In addition, the county legislature shall have power to prescribe that violation of specific by-laws of the authority, published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the county, shall be punishable by fine, not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for not longer than thirty days, or both;

17. To fix rates and collect charges for the use of the facilities of, or any commodities furnished by the authority such as to provide revenues sufficient at all times to pay, as the same shall become due, the principal and interest on the bonds or other obligations of the authority together with the maintenance of proper reserves therefor, in addition to paying as the same shall become due the expense of operating and maintaining the properties of the authority together with proper reserves for maintenance, contingencies and all other obligations and indebtedness of the authority;

18. To enter into cooperative agreements with other authorities, municipalities, utility companies, individuals, or corporations, within or without the territorial limits of the district, for the interconnection of facilities, the exchange or interchange of water, and, within the territorial limits of the district, to enter into a contract for the construction and operation and maintenance of a water facility by the authority for any municipality having power to construct and develop a water facility, upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined to be reasonable, including but not limited to the reimbursement of all costs of such construction, or for any other lawful purposes necessary or desirable to effect the purposes of this title;

19. To act as a county water agency in accordance with the provisions of article five-A of the county law;

20. With the consent of the county executive, to use officers and employees of the county and to pay a proper portion of compensation or costs for the services of such officers or employees; and

21. To do all things necessary, convenient or desirable to carry out its purposes and for the exercise of the powers granted in this title.

* NB There are 2 § 1199-ee's