§ 1215. Construction of terms. Whenever the term public service commission, or board of rapid transit railroad commissioners, or transit construction commissioner, or transit commission or board of transportation, occurs in any law, contract or document relating to facilities conveyed to the authority or their operation or any other duty imposed upon the authority pursuant to this title, or when in any law, contract or document reference is made to such commission, board, commissioner, or board of transportation in connection with such facilities, operations or duties whereof was so conveyed, such term or reference shall be deemed to refer to and include the authority, to the extent consistent with the provisions of such law, contract or document. For the purposes of subdivision four of section fifty of the workers' compensation law, the term other political subdivision of the state shall be deemed to refer to and include the authority. For the purposes of section three hundred twenty-one of the vehicle and traffic law, the term any political subdivision shall be deemed to refer to and include the authority. For the purposes of subparagraph (i) of paragraph three of subsection (c) of section six hundred twelve of the tax law, the term subdivisions, referring to subdivisions of the state, shall be deemed to refer to and include the Manhattan and Bronx surface transportation authority.