§ 3246. Employees of the corporation. 1. In order to reduce its operating expenses the corporation shall, to the extent practicable, utilize existing employees of the state, pursuant to section thirty-two hundred forty-eight of this title, hiring its own employees only if the necessary functions of the corporation cannot be performed without the hiring of such employees. Employee compensation shall be paid only from appropriations made to the corporation by law.

2. In accordance with the provisions of section seventy of the civil service law and any applicable collective bargaining agreement, the state and the corporation shall have the power to provide for the transfer to the corporation of such agents, employees and facilities of the state as shall enable the corporation to fulfill its corporate purposes. Employees of the state so transferred shall be appointed, without further examination, to the corporation in the same or equivalent classification and position they hold at the time of the transfer.

3. A transferred employee shall remain in the same collective bargaining unit as was the case prior to his or her transfer; successor employees to the positions held by such transferred employees shall, consistent with the provisions of article fourteen of the civil service law, be included in the same unit as their predecessors. Employees serving in positions in newly created titles shall be assigned to such same collective bargaining unit if they would have been assigned to such unit were such titles created prior to the establishment of the corporation. Nothing contained in this title shall be construed to diminish (a) the rights of employees pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement or (b) to affect existing law with respect to an application to the public employment relations board seeking a designation by the board that certain persons are managerial or confidential.

4. The corporation and its employees shall be subject to article fourteen of the civil service law and for all purposes the corporation shall be deemed a "public employer".