EXECUTIVE ORDER OF FEBRUARY 22, 1977

ENERGY EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, I, MARVIN MANDEL, Governor of the State of Maryland, did on November 14, 1973, proclaim that a state of emergency existed within the area constituting the entire State of Maryland by reason of an acute shortage in usable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, I further proclaimed that, in accordance with the procedures contained in Article 41, Section 15B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, I would promulgate reasonable Orders, Rules and Regulations, as I deem necessary, to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to bring the emergency situation under control; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the provisions of Article 41, Section 15B, on January 31, 1977, I issued an Order requiring certain mandatory conservation programs, lifting certain weight limitations on trucks transporting petroleum products and providing enforcement powers for natural gas curtailment orders; and

WHEREAS, I am advised that, barring unusually cold weather, there are adequate supplies of natural gas and petroleum products for home heating and for the operation of business and industry during the remaining months of this winter; and

WHEREAS, There still exists a long term energy supply problem for which conservation offers the most significant method for insuring the adequacy of available energy supplies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01.01.1977.01, EFFECTIVE 12:01 A.M., FEBRUARY 23, 1977:

1. (a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph 1(b) hereof, in all buildings, or parts of buildings, owned, leased, or occupied by the State or a county, municipality, city, or other public entity in the State, the thermostat shall be maintained at not more than 65°F in working areas, and not more than 60°F in non-working areas. However, this limitation does not apply to hospitals