

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Branch are directed to cooperate with the Interagency Committee, the Director on Aging, and the Secretary of Transportation in carrying out the provisions of this Executive Order.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF FEBRUARY 22, 1978

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COAL SUPPLY - POTOMAC EDISON AREA

- WHEREAS, On November 14, 1973, Governor Marvin Mandel proclaimed that a state of emergency existed within the area constituting the entire State of Maryland by reason of an acute shortage of usable energy resources; and
- WHEREAS, He further proclaimed that, in accordance with the procedures contained in Article 41, Section 15B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, he would promulgate reasonable Orders, Rules and Regulations, as necessary, to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to bring the emergency situation under control; and
- WHEREAS, As Acting Governor of the State of Maryland, I have a duty to promulgate such reasonable Orders, Rules and Regulations, in accordance with Article 41, Section 15B, as necessary, to protect the public health, safety and welfare in any emergency situation caused by a shortage of usable energy resources; and
- WHEREAS, A strike action by the United Mine Workers Union, because of its duration, has resulted in a drastic reduction of the available supply of coal necessary to generate electricity in certain parts of the State; and
- WHEREAS, The Potomac Edison Company, a part of the Allegheny Power System, has informed me that it has less than a 25-day supply of coal remaining for the purpose of generating electricity for its customers, and that, notwithstanding a limited ability to purchase some amounts of electricity from other sources, this supply of coal represents a critical shortage for the Company; and
- WHEREAS, Absent an immediate settlement of the United Mine Workers strike and absent certain measures to conserve electricity, this lack of coal will have a profound effect upon the citizens of the State who live within the Potomac Edison Company service area; and