

WHEREAS, In order to supplement voluntary conservation efforts, there are certain reasonable measures requiring the issuance of an Order pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Energy Powers that can be taken to further conserve the use of electricity, and to maximize the remaining supplies of coal;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BLAIR LEE III, ACTING GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 6 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION AND BY ARTICLE 41, SECTION 15B OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND BECAUSE I AM ADVISED AND INFORMED THAT THE FOLLOWING IS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION OF EMERGENCY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AND ISSUE THE FOLLOWING ORDER:

1. This Executive Order shall apply only in those parts of the State of Maryland within the Potomac Edison Company Service Area, as defined by the Maryland Public Service Commission, said area comprising all of Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington Counties, and portions of Carroll, Howard, and Montgomery Counties.

2. (a) If a continued downward trend in the supply of coal, below the level of a 25-day supply, is anticipated by the Potomac Edison Company, and if the Company certifies to the Maryland Public Service Commission that such a trend is anticipated, the Potomac Edison Company shall:

(i) Effective 12:01 a.m., February 23, 1978, order each industrial and commercial customer immediately to curtail the use of electricity to a level of approximately 90 percent of the customer's usage in the corresponding month of the prior year, adjusted for any abnormality, such as caused by a strike action, in the prior year's usage;

(ii) Effective 12:01 a.m., March 2, 1978, order each industrial customer to curtail the use of electricity to a level of approximately 70 percent of the customer's usage in the corresponding month of the prior year, adjusted for any abnormality, such as caused by a strike action, in the prior year's usage; and

(iii) Effective 12:01 a.m., March 2, 1978, order each commercial customer to curtail the use of electricity to a level of