

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

WHEREAS, On February 22, 1978, pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Energy Powers, I ordered that certain energy conservation measures be implemented in the Potomac Edison Company Service Area; and

WHEREAS, These measures were made necessary by the strike action of the United Mine Workers Union which, because of its duration, has resulted in a drastic reduction of the available supply of coal necessary to generate electricity in these parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, On March 1, 1978, I amended my Executive Order to defer the implementation of certain energy conservation measures pending a vote upon a proposed contract between the Mine Workers and the operators, which, if ratified, would have eased the need for these stringent electricity conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, The fact that the contract was not ratified again places the citizens of Western Maryland in a perilous condition requiring emergency action; and

WHEREAS, I am informed that Maryland's neighboring States have acted today to implement similar conservation measures in their jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BLAIR LEE III, ACTING GOVERNOR OF THE STATE 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 AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.1978.02, AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 01.01.1978.03, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

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: