- (b) These provisions shall be inapplicable in the following circumstances:
 - (1) With respect to laboratories and other areas in which a lower temperature is necessary to the maintenance of heat sensitive equipment or processes, or is required by a manufacturer's equipment warranty;
 - (2) Where necessary to protect animal or other than ornamental plant life or perishable materials; and
 - (3) With respect to hospitals and related institutions or other health care facilities.
- (c) In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this paragraph and the requirements of a curtailment plan adopted by a utility pursuant to curtailment policies adopted by the Federal Department of Energy, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or the Maryland Public Service Commission, the latter requirements shall apply.
- 7. (a) The Executive Order of February 22, 1977 relating to heating limitations in public buildings is hereby rescinded and replaced with the following: Subject to the provisions of subparagraphs b and c hereof, in all parts of buildings owned, leased and occupied for non-residential purposes by any public entity, the thermostats for purposes of space heating shall be maintained at not more than 65 degrees fahrenheit in working areas and shall be set back at least five degrees in non-working areas and on nights, weekends, holidays and other periods in which the building is not in ordinary operation. Systems which operate by reheat heating and chilling elements shall be managed as practicable to achieve these limits;
- (b) These provisions shall be inapplicable in the following circumstances:
 - (1) With respect to laboratories and other areas in which a higher temperature is necessary to the maintenance of heat sensitive equipment or processes, or is required by a manufacturer's equipment warranty;