

WHEREAS, A perceived impediment to the expanded use of coal in the production of electricity is the present Prevention of Significant Deterioration requirement that any increase in pollutant emissions from any conversion to coal be counted against the allowable increment; ~~now, therefore,~~ be it and

WHEREAS, Removal of the impediments to the expanded use of coal will allow the utility industry to convert to coal without hindering industrial growth, therefore, there should be a continued emphasis placed on the financial support of research and development of antipollution technology; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That adequate protection of clean air resources is necessary. However, this goal must be balanced against the need for the increased production of electricity by the use of coal; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the energy crisis dictates that this balancing test be weighed in favor of the modification of Part C of the Clean Air Act, 42 USC §§ 7470-7479, as they apply to the conversion to coal for the production of electricity to exclude from counting against the increment increases in pollutant emissions due to such conversions, provided that those increased emissions were allowable under the applicable State Implementation Plan as it existed on August 7, 1977; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20006; to the Honorable Charles W. Duncan, Jr., Secretary of the Department of Energy, Washington, D.C. 20545; to the Honorable Warren G. Magnuson, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; to the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Speaker of the House, Office of the Speaker, Room H-204, The Capitol Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; to the Honorable Douglas Costle, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, Washington, D.C. 20460; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and Paul S. Sarbanes, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510; and Representatives Robert E. Bauman, Clarence D. Long, Barbara A. Mikulski, Marjorie S. Holt, Gladys N. Spellman, Beverly B. Byron, Parren J. Mitchell, and Michael D. Barnes, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Signed April 22, 1980.

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