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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Executive Office

Columbia

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, there exists a national energy crisis with serious implications and consequences for every citizen of South Carolina unless positive management measures are instituted; and

WHEREAS, projected energy shortages will generate an adverse impact on the well being, comfort and happiness of every South Carolinian and severely impede the critically important economic growth of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and leaders of the private and public sectors have conferred on the immediate need for the establishment of an energy council comprising appropriate representation from both sectors empowered to determine the best ways and means for South Carolina to effectively manage its existing tight energy situation and to comprehensively plan and act to avoid any future disastrous energy shortage;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution of this state, I hereby establish the Governor's Energy Management Policy Council and I hereby appoint Harry M. Lightsey, Jr., Chairman, Robert B. Bennett, James W. Harrell, Mrs. Hugh P. Harris, Howard Lamar, Daniel E. Martin, Richard W. Riley, Alex Sanders, Theodore Stern, Henry Stuckey, Virgil Summer, John Warren and Donald W. Welch as members, and A. Baron Holmes, IV, as Executive Secretary. Physical, administrative and fiscal support requirements will be provided to the Council by the Division of Administration of the Governor's Office.

THE COUNCIL WILL:

- a. Supervise the collection, analysis and interpretation of energy statistics and data necessary to determine state energy needs and resources necessary to the formulation of plans and policies for wise energy management and conservation as well as coping with social, environmental and economic problems associated with existing and emerging energy technologies;
- b. Develop in consultation with interested agencies of the private and public sector a long-range comprehensive plan for energy utilization to better manage energy demands, supplies and make more effective the energy distribution systems, to reduce adverse environmental impacts, to provide for a positive energy conservation program, to reduce waste in energy use and to provide professional guidance on priority applications of emerging technological capabilities designed to produce cleaner energy;
- c. Coordinate South Carolina's participation in national, regional and multi-state energy programs and policy agreements;
- d. Provide leadership guidance to local state governments through the issuance of periodic press releases and energy informational fact sheets.
- e. Recommend to the General Assembly such legislative and legal actions as may be required to protect and promote the best energy interests of the people of South Carolina.
- f. Keep the General Assembly, the Public Service Commission, the Development Board, the Ports Authority, the Office of Civil Defense, the Pollution Control Authority, and the Health Department informed on matters of primary interest to these entities.

g. Hold public hearings when there is substantial public interest in matters being considered;

h. Provide the Governor within six (6) months of its appointment a report on the requirements set forth in "a." above and within eighteen (18) months the long-range comprehensive plan described in "b."

i. Make available to the public on request all communications, documents, reports of information received or sent by any member of the Council under this Executive Order and in accordance with the state statute on this subject except that information which concerns or relates to a trade secret referred to in the United States Code.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall expire upon the submission of the long-range comprehensive state energy plan to the Governor.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, this 16th day of February, 1973.

  
John C. West  
Governor of South Carolina



ATTEST:

  
O. Frank Thornton  
Secretary of State

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM  
Office of the Governor  
Columbia, South Carolina

Please Add  
04. Discussion  
with H.L.  
Today.  
JRW

TO: Jim Whitmire  
FROM: Governor West  
SUBJECT: Energy Commission

Let's add one member to the Energy Commission, namely,  
Louis Rhames. (Reames)

JCW:ldt

May 7, 1973

cc: Baron Holmes  
Judy for procedure  
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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
COLUMBIA, S. C.

FROM THE DESK OF *Bobbie Reynolds*

Johnny:

I talked with you yesterday about adding Louis Reames to the Energy Council. Would a copy of this memo be all that is needed or should I write a formal letter?

Person to be added:

Louis G. Reames  
Kirkwood Lane  
Camden, South Carolina 432-4537

June 13, 1973