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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
COLUMBIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, there continues to exist a national energy crisis with serious and long-range implications and consequences for every citizen of South Carolina and positive measures to insure adequate energy resources for economic stability and growth must be continued; and

WHEREAS, there is a clearly defined need for ongoing information gathering, analysis, monitoring and research into the State's energy needs and resources in order to adequately protect its' citizens against future energy shortages and the ramifications of such shortages; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an Office of Energy Resources can provide invaluable information and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly in the field of energy development, maintenance and needs,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES B. EDWARDS, as Governor of the State of South Carolina, by virute of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, do hereby establish the Office of Energy Resources.

The Office shall consist of an Executive Director and such staff personnel as necessary. The director shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at his pleasure. The director shall be directly responsible to the Governor.

The Governor's Office of Energy Resources shall:

-serve as data source, research, development and statistical advisor to the Governor's Office and the General Assembly along with any other State Agency, Board, Commission or Study Committee involved in energy use development and/or planning.

-provide positive influence upon, and guidance to, all branches of State government for legislative and regulatory actions in the energy field commensurate with economic and social goals of the State and Nation.

-implement and execute all those actions required by Federal or State statutes and/or agency regulations affecting energy policy and resources within the State, and provide continuing analysis of such actions whether in place or proposed.

-build a cadre of trained personnel, adequately educated in the energy fields dealing with energy supplies, distribution and end use problems and their impacts, and the promotion and encouragement of demonstration programs in re-cycling, energy conservation, solar energy, nuclear power and fuel applications as well as any other exotic energy programs deemed appropriate and practical.

-provide a state clearing house for information relating to Federal Agencies, Commissions, Boards and Committees and their actions or policies that may impact South Carolina's present or future energy supplies and to insure, insofar as possible, State representation on such Boards, Commissions or Committees.

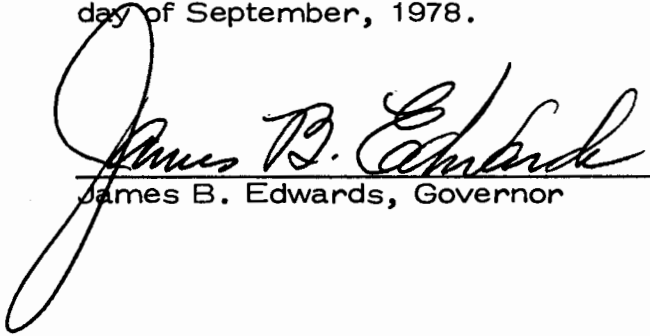
-develop, implement and monitor conservation programs in energy use for all governmental, industrial, institutional, commercial and private sectors of South Carolina's constituency.

-develop and implement educational programs in energy use for all societal levels to build and maintain a better informed citizenry group in all aspects of use and conservation, and to stress the importance to the economic and social well-being of all our citizens.

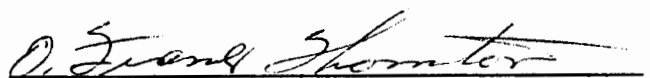
-encourage and promote Federal and State research and development projects impacting on energy use and supplies.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall expire at the pleasure of the Governor.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of South Carolina at Columbia, South Carolina, this 11th day of September, 1978.

  
James B. Edwards, Governor

ATTEST:

  
O. Frank Thornton, Secretary of State