

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 132

Establishing Energy Conservation Policies

WHEREAS, needless expenditure of electric power in offices and other building spaces of the National Government creates extra financial and environmental costs; and

WHEREAS, such extra financial cost of electric power consumption is a burden on the budget of the National Government; and

WHEREAS, installation of electric meters in all government facilities not presently metered may record a true cost of electric power consumption higher than the monthly flat rates currently in effect, but the planned future budgets of those activities affected do not allow for additional funds for utility costs; and

WHEREAS, optimum energy conservation continues to be a goal of the National Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered that the following energy conservation policies are to be put into effect immediately:

1. All National Government ministries, agencies and offices will reduce electrical consumption by taking the following measures:
 - (a) Daily, upon the close of business and upon the vacation of any offices or parts of buildings by employees, all lights, air conditioners, electric typewriters, computers, and other electric power items except refrigerators or freezers that are in use are to be turned off. This also applies to weekends, holidays, or any other times buildings are fully or partially unoccupied. Air conditioning is not to be left on except to protect humidity-sensitive equipment that shall be kept in as small an enclosed area as practical. Computer equipment does not qualify as humidity-sensitive equipment, unless an older microcomputer system that requires a controlled environment in order to avoid damage or deterioration in excess of the electrical cost savings.
 - (b) As existing lighting and devices using electricity wear out, energy conserving lights, equipment, and apparatus shall replace those of higher electrical consumption.
 - (c) All new buildings constructed for National Government use, plus all major renovation and remodeling of National Government buildings, shall employ methods and materials set forth in standards and practices determined by the Bureau of Public Works.

2. To ensure that comprehensive long-term energy conservation policies and practices are developed and that such policies and practices are enforced as they are adopted, including those set forth in this Executive Order, the following shall apply:
 - (a) The Energy Program Manager, Bureau of Public Works, Ministry of Resources and Development, will be the energy policies and practices advisor and compliance officer. As such, the Energy Program Manager shall assist and advise government agencies in adopting energy conservation practices not covered in this Executive Order. The Energy Program Manager shall also have authority, through the Bureau of Public Works, to develop and promulgate additional energy conservation policies and practices and set standards for types of electric lights and/or other devices or equipment to be used, and for new construction or renovation and remodeling.
 - (b) The Energy Program Manager shall report all violations of energy policies and procedures to the Minister of Resources and Development, through the Director, Bureau of Public Works, who shall meet with the violators to resolve the problem; lack of cooperation and subsequent energy reduction by violators may result in penalties in the form of surcharges for estimated excess electrical consumption. The surcharge rates and the methodology for charging (billing) this shall be determined by the Energy Program Manager, in consultation with the Public Utilities Corporation.
 - (c) Each Ministry and government agency shall appoint an energy conservation officer(s) who shall act as liaison with the Energy Program Manager and will be responsible for enactment and enforcement of energy conservation policies and procedures in all building space within his/her jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this 5th day of October 1994, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President
Republic of Palau