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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM:

Kenneth A. Shaw

SUBJECT: Restricting Electrical Consumption

All of us are well aware that there is need on national, regional and local levels to reduce electrical consumption. On Monday of this week, Governor Thompson appealed to residents of Illinois to cut their use of electricity voluntarily to avoid mandatory power rationing if the national coal strike continues. The University will respond to this appeal to the fullest extent possible without jeopardizing our primary function or the health and safety of our community. Accordingly, the actions which follow now will be taken.

- 1. All remaining decorative and ornamental lighting will be eliminated.
- 2. Major parking lot lighting will be reduced one-half, but we will continue crosswalk and sidewalk lighting.
- 3. Some security lighting at tract houses will be eliminated.
- 4. Hallway and lobby lighting will be further reduced.
- 5. All supplemental electric heaters purchased from University funds will be turned over to Plant Operations except those which previously have been authorized on an individual basis—and I have asked that these authorizations be reevaluated. To offset this action, thermostats in recognized problem areas will be adjusted upward to replace the use of electricity by the use of gas.
- 6. Supplemental electric heaters purchased privately should be removed from University premises.
- 7. Faculty, staff and students are asked to turn out lights whenever classrooms or offices are vacated, and the custodial staff also will assist in this endeavor.
- 8. Faculty and staff who feel office lighting can be reduced should contact Plant Operations in order to effect the reduction.
- 9. Residents in University housing are requested to set thermostats at 68^o during the day and 65^o at night, and to restrict the use of hot water.

The cooperation of the University community in carrying out these actions is solicited and will be appreciated. If you notice other areas where electrical consumption may be reduced, or have other suggestions, please communicate with Plant Operations at 2550.