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## PART III

# ENERGY CRISIS REORGANIZATION, 1974-1977

### FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

Immediately after the establishment of the Federal Energy Office, the White House sponsored legislation to create the Federal Energy Administration as an independent agency. The legislation, which confirmed the transfer of offices and functions to the new agency, passed the Senate on December 19,

1973, and the House on March 7, 1974. President Richard M. Nixon signed the bill into law on May 7, 1974, creating the Federal Energy Administration as a temporary agency to meet with the immediate, and presumably temporary, energy crisis. Ultimately, the Federal Energy Administration assumed responsibility for energy information and analysis, petroleum allocation and pricing,



*President Gerald R. Ford signed the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 at the White House October 11, 1974. (L to R) Rep. John W. Wydler (R-NY); Sen. Charles H. Percy (R-IL); Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff (D-CT); Rep. Chet Holifield (D-CA); Dr. Gilbert S. Omenn, White House Fellow (back row); Rep. Frank Horton (R-NY); Jack Carlson, Assistant Secretary for Energy and Materials, Dept. of Interior (back row); Rep. Don Fuqua (D-FL); Rep. John B. Anderson (R-IL); Rep. Clarence J. Brown (R-OH); Rogers Morton, Secretary of Interior.*

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