§ 2.73  Director, Office of Energy Policy and New Uses.

(a) Delegations. Pursuant to §2.29(a)(11), the following delegations of authority are made by the Chief Economist to the Director, Office of Energy Policy and New Uses:

(1) Providing Department leadership in:
   (i) Analyzing and evaluating existing and proposed energy policies and strategies, including those regarding the allocation of scarce resources;
   (ii) Developing energy policies and strategies, including those regarding the allocation of scarce resources;
   (iii) Reviewing and evaluating Departmental energy and energy-related programs and program progress;
   (iv) Developing agricultural and rural components of national energy policy plans;
   (v) Preparing reports on energy and energy-related policies and programs required under Act of Congress and Executive Orders, including those involving testimony and reports on legislative proposals.

(2) Providing Departmental oversight and coordination with respect to resources available for energy and energy-related activities, including funds transferred to USDA from departments and agencies of the Federal government pursuant to interagency agreements.

(3) Representing the Chief Economist at conferences, meetings, and other contacts where energy matters are discussed, including liaison with the Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency, and other governmental departments and agencies.

(4) Providing the Chief Economist with such assistance as requested to perform the duties delegated to the Director concerning energy and new uses.

(5) Working with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations to maintain Congressional and public contacts in energy matters, including development of legislative proposals, preparation of reports on legislation pending in Congress, appearances before Congressional committees, and related activities.

(b) Reservation. The following authority is reserved to the Chief Economist: Review all proposed decisions having substantial economic policy implications.

§ 2.75  Deputy Chief Financial Officer.

Pursuant to §2.28, the following delegation of authority is made by the Chief Financial Officer to the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, to be exercised only during the absence or unavailability of the Chief Financial Officer: Perform all the duties and exercise all