

## Board of Directors Listening Session - RECAP

- Thank you, Chair Ritch.
- More than 50 individuals spoke to or submitted comments online for TVA's Board of Directors as part of our public listening session held yesterday.
- These voices represent a wide cross-section of stakeholder interests across this region, including:
  - Valley residents
  - Non-profit organizations
  - County and economic development agencies
  - Environmental organizations
  - Industrial energy consumers
  - Regional farmers
  - And public power partners such as local power companies, trades and labor unions, and Tennessee Valley associations
- Listening Session comments focused on the following themes:

- Local officials and organizations expressed appreciation for TVA's immediate response and the ongoing support of Hurricane Helene recovery in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee.
- They also expressed gratitude for Jeff Lyash's leadership ahead of his retirement, and a hope that his successor will continue a balanced approach to powering the Tennessee Valley and have experience and knowledge of our public power model.
- Multiple comments were made about the need for increased generation capacity. Speakers encouraged TVA to expand the regional power system as the economy and demand grows. They also discussed the need for regional energy security through affordable and reliable energy, especially for businesses and industries. Others discussed the potential impact on demand from new, large-scale data centers. Several local power company

officials talked about how the strong partnerships between TVA and their organizations could help develop innovative solutions to power the region's energy future.

- Some speakers urged TVA to expand solar and renewable energy instead of adding fossil fuels. They noted climate concerns, the cost of solar energy versus fossil fuels, and placing a higher value on solar, battery storage and energy efficiency in future planning tools such as TVA's Integrated Resource Plan.
- Citizens and environmental organizations discussed their opposition to the Ridgeline gas pipeline construction due to potential environmental disruption, the risk for spills and long-term climate concerns.
- Speakers also addressed TVA's management of the Tennessee River system, highlighting the benefits of flood control, contributions to farming

success, and the growing value of ecotourism. Speakers also discussed the need for riverbank stabilization along the Tennessee River.

- Representatives of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians and the Sequoyah Birthplace Museum advocated for the return of a 76-acre parcel along Tellico Lake from TVA to the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians based on historical agreements.
- We appreciate everyone who took the time to speak at the TVA listening session and those who submitted written comments online.
- Thank you, Chair Ritch. That concludes the recap of yesterday's Listening Session.