

**TVA Board of Directors Meeting
Listening Session Summary
May 8, 2024 – Nashville, Tennessee**

Yesterday, 38 individuals spoke to TVA's Board of Directors on a variety of issues at our public listening session. Several additional members of the public voiced their opinions through comments submitted online.

These voices represented a wide range of stakeholder interests, including:

- Local power companies across the region
- Environmental groups
- Community, agricultural and not-for-profit organizations
- Environmental justice advocates
- Solar industry representatives
- Local community and government leaders
- Residents of Cheatham County, Tennessee
- Representatives of Choctaw County, Mississippi
- A representative of a large Valley industry

Speakers included the leaders of several local power companies that serve communities throughout the region. In addition, the leaders of two associations of local power companies spoke. These were:

- The Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association, which represents electric co-ops in 84 of Tennessee's 95 counties.
- The Tennessee Municipal Electric Power Association, which represents 60 municipal and county electric providers in Tennessee.

Environmental and other groups represented by speakers included the Sierra Club, Sunrise Movement, Climate Reality Project, Third Act, TenneSEIA, and others. Written comments included a letter from the Center for Biological Diversity with 8,000 signatures from people across the nation.

Speakers' comments and the comments submitted online focused mainly on the following themes:

- The region's growing energy demand; the need for reliable, affordable energy; suggestions for how to appropriately expand generation capacity; a desire for more renewable generation; opposition to natural gas generation; advocacy for advanced nuclear; and the economic value of fossil generation to a local community.
- Property owners and residents expressed concern about a proposed generation site in Cheatham County, primarily saying the local area is ill-suited for a power plant and they are concerned about potential risks and quality of life.
- Representatives of the Tennessee Valley Farmers expressed appreciation for TVA's collaboration on riverbank stabilization and river management, and they expressed concern about the loss of farmland for solar facilities and other development.

- Community leaders shared their thanks for TVA's partnership with the Urban League of Middle Tennessee and the American Red Cross, and TVA's support for Robotics programs for students.
- Other speakers discussed climate change; the importance of public input into the Integrated Resource Plan that TVA is developing; the need for diverse generation sources to keep power reliable; spent nuclear fuel storage; protecting endangered species; and protecting water quality.

We appreciate everyone who took the time to speak at the TVA listening session and submit comments through email or the TVA website.

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