

Board of Directors Listening Session - RECAP

- Thank you, Chair Ritch.
- Nearly 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 centered on the following themes:
 - Local leaders expressed appreciation for the response from TVA employees to Hurricane Helene and TVA's support of long-term recovery and restoration in western North Carolina and eastern Tennessee. Officials also reiterated the value of TVA's river management and network of dams in preventing additional downstream damage.
 - Residents from Cheatham County, Tennessee, expressed opposition to TVA's proposed gas-fired generation site. They noted the rural nature of the area, the lack of local infrastructure to support construction and equipment, and environmental concerns.

- Multiple comments were made about the need for more generation and transmission capacity. Speakers encouraged TVA to expand the regional power system to ensure electricity for economic growth and to meet rising energy demand. They also discussed the value of affordable and reliable energy to the region's businesses, industries and families. Several local power company officials talked about the strong partnerships between TVA and their organizations, while also expressing concern about maintaining energy security.
- Individuals commented on the xAI facility in Memphis, Tennessee. They stated concerns on the amount of power being requested, potential environmental impacts, and the future power demands of additional data center projects. Others spoke about the infrastructure investments and demand response discussions that are taking place to ensure ongoing reliability in the Memphis area.

- Speakers discussed TVA's use of fossil fuels, including replacing coal units with gas-fired generation. They noted ongoing impacts of extreme weather events associated with climate change, and potential environmental concerns.
 - Several people commented on TVA's Integrated Resource Planning process, including ensuring public involvement and the need to appropriately value carbon-free energy resources such as solar and renewable energy.
 - Speakers also addressed how TVA's management of the Tennessee River system supports local farming through flood control and soil erosion prevention. They also spoke about the loss of regional farmland as it is converted into solar installations.
- 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.