

# Summary of Public Comments to the TVA Board

For consideration  
in advance of the  
TVA Board Meeting  
in Starkville, Mississippi  
November 10, 2022

The TVA Board heard from 15 members of the public for its Listening Session on November 9, 2022, with 10 people speaking to the Board in person. Several speakers encouraged TVA to continue to use diverse fuel sources for generating electricity, so that TVA's energy supply continues to be affordable, reliable, resilient, and clean.

A speaker representing a local power company customer of TVA thanked TVA for providing Pandemic Relief Credits, the Community Care Fund, and Long-term Partnership Credits. He noted that his utility is taking advantage of the opportunity for Long-term Partners with TVA to generate some of their own energy and is pursuing a solar project.

A representative of a direct-served industrial customer of TVA called on the Board to ensure that energy continues to be affordable, reliable, resilient, and clean so industries can continue to grow in the Valley and create jobs here. Three speakers highlighted the need for workforce development for the future, including two representatives of TVA union partners. They also commended on TVA's commitment to safety and noted that union workers help ensure the region's future energy supply.

Two representatives of the Tennessee Valley Farmers thanked the Board for listening to their concerns and for building relationships based on mutual respect.

Three speakers commented on the value of energy from the Red Hills power plant and coal mine and the role that Red Hills could have in supporting the region's future energy supply.

Among the written comments, a submission from the Sierra Club about a proposed gas pipeline included signatures of more than 300 people. The submission called on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to require development of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed natural gas pipeline in Tennessee and to require a public hearing in each county the proposed pipeline would cross.

Other written comments included a call for TVA to rapidly decarbonize the energy supply and to mitigate the impact of rising fuel costs while still recovering the cost of energy, and for officials and land-owners to fully understand solar project financing and proposed land leases.