



The Role of the RERC for TVA

- ◆ Formed by the TVA Board in April 2013
- ◆ Is a Federal Advisory Committee under FACA
- ◆ Balanced membership with up to 20 members appointed by TVA
- ◆ Provides advice on its energy resource activities and the priorities among competing objectives and values to the TVA Board and TVA Staff

Charter of the Regional Energy Resource Council

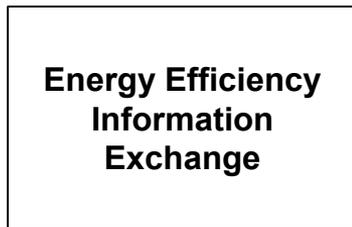
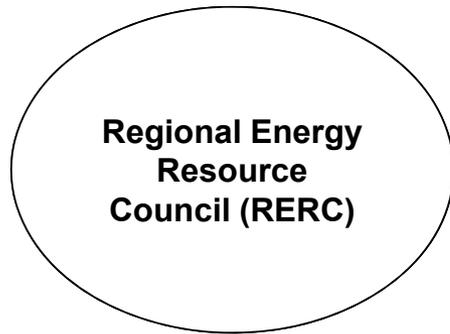
1. **Committee's Official Designation.** Regional Energy Resource Council (RERC).
2. **Authority.** The RERC is a discretionary advisory committee established under the authority of the Tennessee Valley Authority in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.
3. **Objective and Scope.** Under the TVA Act, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has been charged with the wise use and conservation of the natural resources of the Tennessee River drainage basin and adjoining territory for the general purpose of fostering the orderly and proper physical, economic, and social development of the Tennessee Valley region. To help achieve this mission, TVA has created and operates the Nation's largest public power system, providing reliable and affordable electricity to more than 9 million people in parts of seven southeastern states. It is in TVA's interest, and the interest of the public it serves, to establish a mechanism for routinely obtaining the views and advice of other public and private entities and individuals involved with and interested in the development and management of energy resources in the Tennessee Valley region. Accordingly, TVA establishes the RERC to provide TVA advice on its energy resource activities and the priorities among competing objectives and values. TVA's energy resource activities include constructing and operating various supply-side resources, including fossil-fueled power plants, nuclear plants, hydroelectric dams, and renewable resources; the development and management of demand-side resources, including energy efficiency; the design, construction, and operation of power delivery systems; and the integration of all of these energy resources into plans for meeting future demands for electricity in the TVA region.
4. **Description of Duties.** In accordance with the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933, as amended, and FACA, the purpose of the RERC is to provide advice only, and TVA retains sole responsibility for the management and operation of its energy resource activities and for all decisions regarding matters under consideration by the RERC.
5. **Agency or Official to Whom the RERC Reports.** The RERC reports its advice to the committee of the TVA Board of Directors having responsibility for external relations.
6. **Support.** TVA shall provide the RERC with sufficient facilities in which to conduct its meetings and to provide a repository for its minutes and other records. TVA will also provide the RERC with appropriate clerical support as needed. TVA shall provide such additional funding as reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes for which the RERC was created and shall provide any further guidelines and management controls as may be necessary to further the objectives of the RERC.
7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The estimated annual operating costs of the RERC are \$120,000 and TVA staff time equal to 1.0 full-time equivalent.
8. **Designated Federal Officer.** The TVA Board of Directors, or its designee, shall appoint the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the RERC, which shall be a full-time or permanent part-time employee of TVA. As required by law, the DFO (or other employee designated and trained as an alternate DFO) shall approve or call all of the RERC's

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- ◆ Constructing and operating various supply-side resources, including fossil-fueled power plants, nuclear plants, hydroelectric dams, and renewable resources
- ◆ The development and management of demand-side resources, including energy efficiency
- ◆ The design, construction, and operation of power delivery systems
- ◆ The integration of all of these energy resources into plans for meeting future demands for electricity in the TVA region



- ◆ **FACA Committee**
- ◆ **Provides Committee’s advice to TVA Board External Relations Committee on energy policy matters**
 - Example issue: How should TVA balance the tension that can arise between cleaner energy and lower cost solutions ?

- ◆ **Working stakeholder groups (not formal FACA committees)**
- ◆ **Provides input/council into various work efforts and initiatives within TVA**

- ◆ **Stakeholder group members speak in “many voices”; no consensus required**



RERC Meeting Protocols

Agenda

- ◆ To be prepared and approved by the DFO in consultation with the Council Chair
- ◆ TVA distributes agenda to the Council prior to each meeting
- ◆ Outline of each agenda with notice of the meeting will be published in the Federal Register
- ◆ Ideas for the agenda may be submitted to DFO by any member of the Council

Meeting Minutes

- ◆ DFO will ensure that minutes are prepared for each meeting, approved by the Chair, and made available to Council members
- ◆ Minutes of open meetings are available on the TVA website and otherwise made available to public on request
- ◆ Minutes of closed meetings will also be made available to public upon request subject to the withholding of matters where public disclosure would harm the government, industry or others and which are exempt from Freedom of Information Act
- ◆ Minutes will include persons present, complete and accurate description of matters discussed and conclusions reached, and copies of all reports received, issued or approved by Council



RERC Meeting Protocols (Con't)

Discussion

- ◆ DFO (or his designate) will facilitate and ensure good order during all open discussions
- ◆ Only one speaker or attendee is permitted to comment at a time
- ◆ To be recognized by the Chair in order to provide comment, please turn your name card on its side

Voting

- ◆ Any member of the Council may make a motion for a vote
- ◆ Any recommendation by the Council to TVA shall require an affirmative vote of at least a simple majority of the total Council members present on that date
- ◆ Each Council member shall be provided the opportunity to include minority or dissenting views to accompany recommendations by the Council to TVA