



# Regional Energy Resource Council

Nov 7, 2023

1st Meeting – Term 6

# Welcome!

The Meeting will  
begin at  
8:00 AM Central

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# Welcome

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# RERC Live and Virtual Meeting

- **This is the first meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> term of the RERC.**
- **We welcome members of the public attending virtually and who are in listen only mode.** For those that pre-registered to make public comments, the meeting host will give you instructions for speaking to the Council at that time. Written comments are always welcomed ([tva.com/merc](http://tva.com/merc)).
- **RERC Members who are attending virtually are able to mute and unmute their own line.** RERC Members who are attending virtually may use the raise hand function to be recognized for questions or comments.
- **RERC Members attending in person,** please turn your light bulb on and I will call on you. I will identify the person I call on so that those attending virtually will be able to identify the speaker. Please use your microphone so that those in the room and those attending virtually can hear your comments.

# Safety First!

- **In case of fire or other building emergency,** exit the conference room doors you entered. Exit the building via the front doors. Gather outside in the parking lot.
- **In case of severe weather,** exit the doors you entered in the back of the room. You will be guided to an interior room.



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# Introductions

Name

Position, Organization, Location

Something you do for fun

# RERC Term 6\* Members

**Introductions:**  
Name  
Position, Organization, Location  
Fun

**Adam Benshoff**  
Ford Motor Company

**Jan Berry**  
Citizens Climate Education

**Marquita Bradshaw**  
Sowing Justice

**Ron Bunch**  
Bowling Green Chamber of  
Commerce

**Monte Cooper**  
Jackson Energy Authority

**Erin Gill, RERC Chair**  
Knoxville Utilities Board

**Rebecca Goodman**  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

**Rodney Goodman**  
Habitat for Humanity

**Chrissy Heard**  
State of Mississippi

**Chelsea Jenkins**  
Commonwealth of Virginia

**Candy Johnson**  
Urban League of Greater  
Chattanooga

**Sen. Steve Livingston**  
State of Alabama

**Pete Mattheis**  
Tennessee Valley Industrial  
Committee

**Dan Miller**  
Oak Ridge National Laboratory

**Doug Peters**  
Tennessee Valley  
Public Power Association

**Boyd Pettit**  
State of Georgia

**Erik Schmidt**  
City of Chattanooga

**Patricia Sims**  
Drake State Community &  
Technical College

**Alexa Voytek**  
State of Tennessee

**Julie Woosley**  
State of North Carolina

\*Aug1, 2023 – July 31, 2025

# Agenda

## RERC Meeting Nov 7, 2023

8:00 am CST	<b>Welcome – Designated Federal Officer Melanie Farrell &amp; Chair Erin Gill Introductions, Agenda</b>
8:30	<b>Federal Advisory Committee Act Briefing</b>
8:45	<b>DFO Briefing</b>
9:00	<b>Introduction to TVA</b>
10:00	Break
10:15	<b>Stakeholder Engagements Updates Valley Pathways Study Utility of the Future Information Exchange</b>
11:30	Break for lunch
12:10 pm	<b>IRP Overview – Process, Plan, Role of RERC</b>
1:45	Break
2:00	<b>Public Listening Session</b>
3:00-5:00	<b>RERC Member Discussion for the Benefit of TVA Board Members TVA’s Energy System of the Future Key Question: What is important to each stakeholder?</b>
5:00	<b>Adjourn RERC Meeting</b>



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# The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA)

FACA Briefing, First Meeting of the 6th term of the RERC  
Jennifer Brundige, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel  
November 7, 2023

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# Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972

Congress formally recognized the merits of seeking advice and assistance

- President Washington sought advice during the Whiskey Rebellion in 1794.
- Growth in advisory committees after World War II.
- Through the Act, Congress addressed concerns about transparency, accountability, and use of federal funds.

The Act assures that advisory committees provide advice that is relevant, objective, and open to the public and comply with the record keeping requirements

# Regional Energy Resource Council

Created by TVA in 2013 “to provide advice on its energy resources and the priorities among competing objectives and values”

Construction and operation of various supply-side resources, including fossil-fueled power plants, nuclear plants, hydroelectric dams, and renewable resources

Development and management of demand-side resources, including energy efficiency

Design, construction, and operation of power delivery systems

The integration of these energy resources into plans for meeting future demands for electricity in the TVA region



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# Key Elements of the Act

## Public access

- Meetings (reasonably accessible and timely notice required—generally open to the public)
- Records (available for public inspection, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, etc.)

## Structured management

- Filed charters
- Expiration after two years
- Attendance of a designated federal officer (DFO) or employee

## Balanced Membership

# Key Provisions of RERC Charter

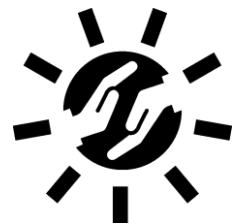
## Council Provides Advice

- On TVA's energy resources and the priorities among competing objectives and values
- Advice reported to TVA Board's External Stakeholders and Regulation Committee
- Term of Council is two years with two meetings per year typically

## Balanced Membership

Members include:

- Nominations from the Governors within the Tennessee Valley states
- One representative each: TVPPA, LPCs, TVIC, Direct-served customers
- Two representatives each: Environment/Energy NGOs; chamber of commerce/economic and community development; academic or research center
- Up to three additional members to ensure a broad range of views



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# Federal Advisory Committee Act Meeting Requirements

## Agenda

- Prepared and approved by the DFO, or alternate DFO, in consultation with Council Chair
- Distributed to Council and an outline is published in the Federal Register prior to each meeting
- Topics may be submitted for consideration to the DFO by any member of the Council, or non-members, including members of the public

## Meeting Minutes

- DFO will ensure that minutes are prepared for each meeting, approved by the Chair, and made available to Council members and the public

## Voting

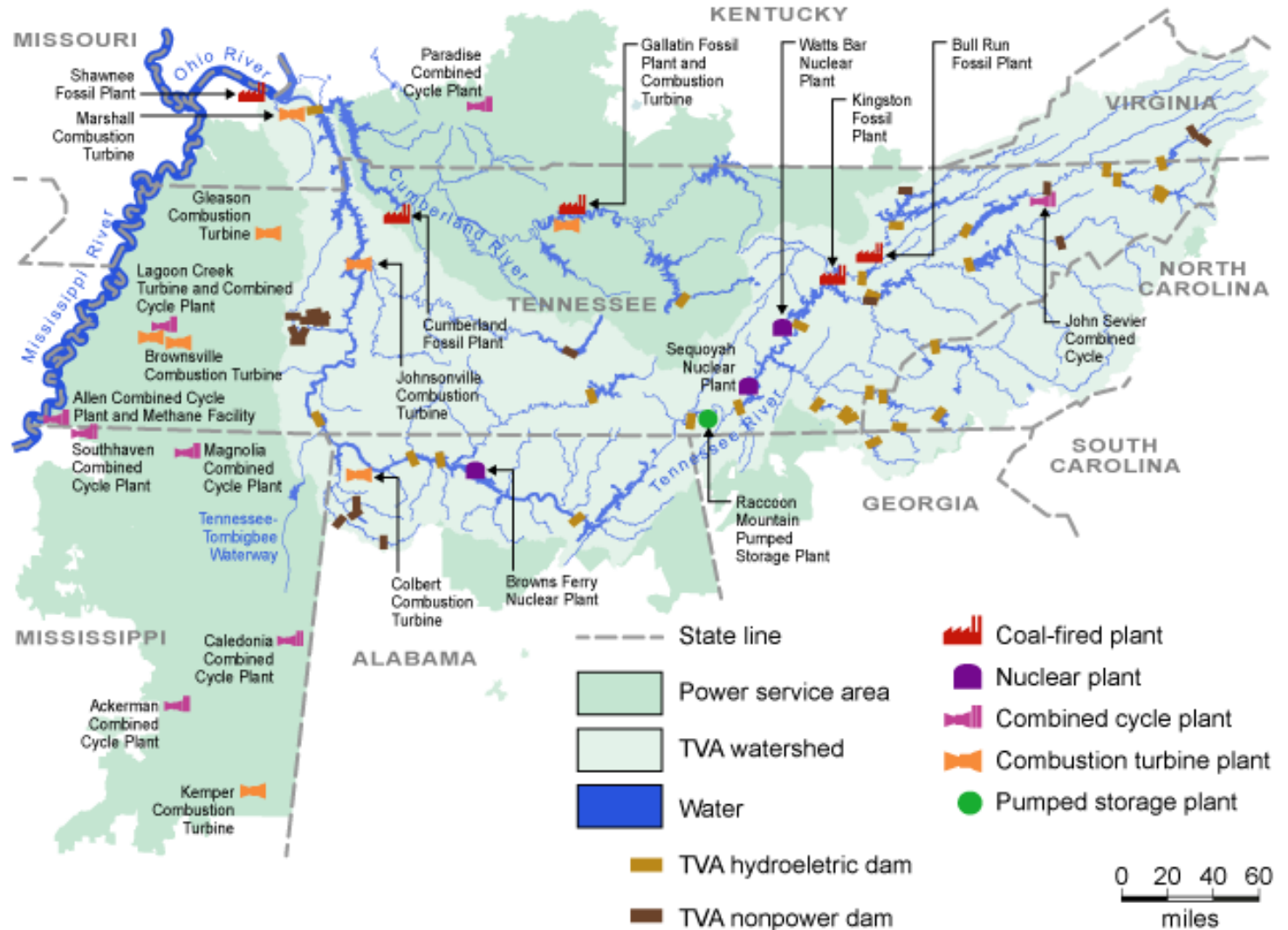
- Any member of the Council may make a motion for a vote
- Quorum is a majority of the seated members of the Council as defined in the bylaws
- Advice requires an affirmative vote of majority of Council members present
- Advice may include minority or dissenting views

## Membership

- Balanced Membership
- Professional or personal qualifications to achieve the mission of the Committee
- Broad range of diverse views and interests

# RERC Advice

Your advice is important to TVA and for the ten million people of the Tennessee Valley service territory and beyond.



Source: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). | GAO-23-105375



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# TVA Update

Melanie Farrell, Designated Federal Officer



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# Introduction to TVA

Brian Child, Vice President, Enterprise Planning  
Regional Energy Resource Council Meeting  
November 7, 2023

# Agenda

TVA's Mission

TVA's Finances

TVA's Asset Portfolio

TVA's Innovation and Research Initiatives

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# TVA's Mission

# TVA Created to Make Life Better



May 18, 1933, the TVA Act was signed.

## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY ACT

### AN ACT

To improve the navigability and to provide for the flood control of the Tennessee River; to provide for reforestation and the proper use of marginal lands in the Tennessee Valley; to provide for the agricultural and industrial development of said valley; to provide for the national defense by the creation of a corporation for the operation of Government properties at and near Muscle Shoals in the State of Alabama, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.* That for the purpose of maintaining and operating the properties now owned by the United States in the vicinity of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, in the interest of the national defense and for agricultural and industrial development, and to improve navigation in the Tennessee River and to control the destructive flood water in the Tennessee River and Mississippi River Basins, there is hereby created a body corporate by the name of the "Tennessee Valley Authority" (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation"). The Board of Directors first appointed shall be deemed the incorporator, and the incorporation shall be held to have been effected from the date of the first meeting of the Board. This Act may be cited as the "Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933." [48 Stat. 58-59, 16 U.S.C. sec. 831]<sup>1</sup>

#### Sec. 2. MEMBERSHIP, OPERATION, AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

##### (a) MEMBERSHIP.--

(1) APPOINTMENT.--The Board of Directors of the Corporation (referred to in this Act as the "Board") shall be composed of 9 members appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, at least 7 of whom shall be a legal resident of the service area of the Corporation.

(2) CHAIRMAN.--The members of the Board shall select 1 of the members to act as chairman of the Board.

(b) QUALIFICATIONS.--To be eligible to be appointed as a member of the Board, an individual--

(1) shall be a citizen of the United States;

(2) shall have management expertise relative to a large for-profit or nonprofit corporate, government, or academic structure;

(3) shall not be an employee of the Corporation;

(4) shall make full disclosure to Congress of any investment or other financial interest that the individual holds in the energy industry; and

(5) shall affirm support for the objectives and missions, of the Corporation, including being a national leader in technological innovation, low-cost power, and environmental stewardship.

<sup>1</sup> For the purpose of identifying the sections that appeared in the original Act of 1933 and those that have been brought into the Act by amendment, references have been placed at the end of the sections. For example, the reference at the end of section 1, 48 Stat. 58-59, indicates that this section will be found in volume 48 of the Statutes at Large on pages 58 and 59.

An aerial photograph of a vast valley filled with a thick layer of white clouds, creating a sea of clouds effect. The sun is shining brightly in the upper right corner, casting long, soft rays across the sky and illuminating the tops of the clouds. The foreground shows dark, forested hillsides. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

# Our Mission

To serve the people of  
the Tennessee Valley  
to make life better.

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# Delivering on Our Mission to You

Energy | Environment | Economic Development



**Provide affordable, reliable power.**



**Steward the Valley's natural resources.**



**Partner for economic growth.**

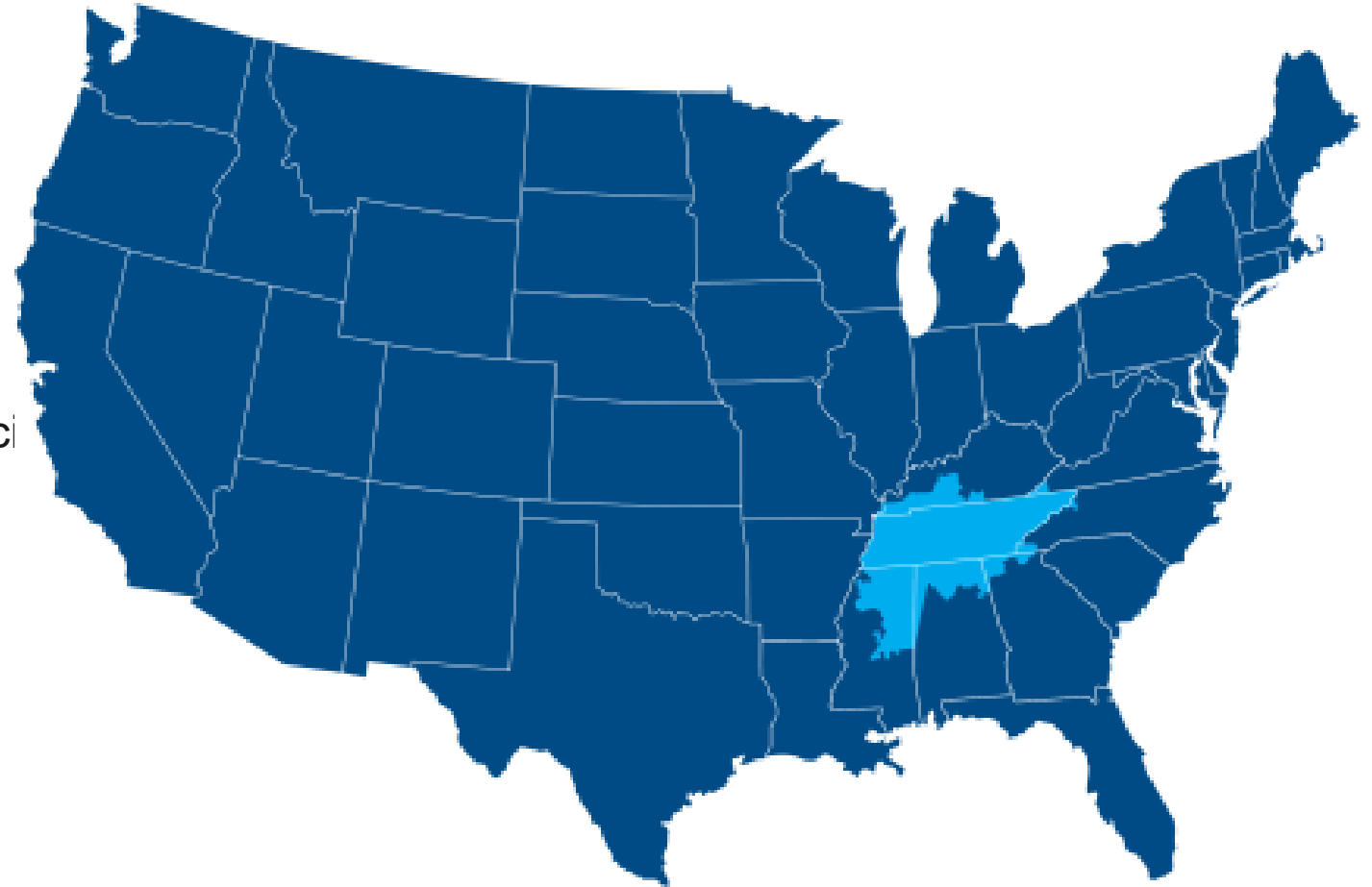
# Partnering to Serve You & Your Community

Partnering with  
**153 Local Power Companies**

To serve  
**10 Million People**  
**700,000 Businesses in Parts of 7 States**  
**58 Large Industries & Federal Installations**

# Profile: America's Largest Public Power Company

- Among the largest utilities in the U.S.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest nuclear owner in the U.S.
- 90 years in operation (1933-2023)
- 80,000 square miles service area
- 10 million service area population
- 39,553 MW\* diverse power system capacity
- 16,000 miles+ transmission system
- \$12.5 billion annual revenues
- \$51.2 billion total assets
- Entirely self-funded



\*Capacity aligns to FY22 10-K Net Summer Capability, adjusted to include demand response programs. Planning capacity is lower, as it accounts for Hydro and Renewable expected generation at peak, fuel blend derates, and other factors.



# The Value of Public Power

- People are first – Accountable to stakeholders, not stockholders
- Rates are set to recover costs and reinvest in facilities – Not maximize profits
- Low-cost, reliable service are the focus – Not shareholders
- Collaborative regulatory process with a clear focus on serving energy consumers

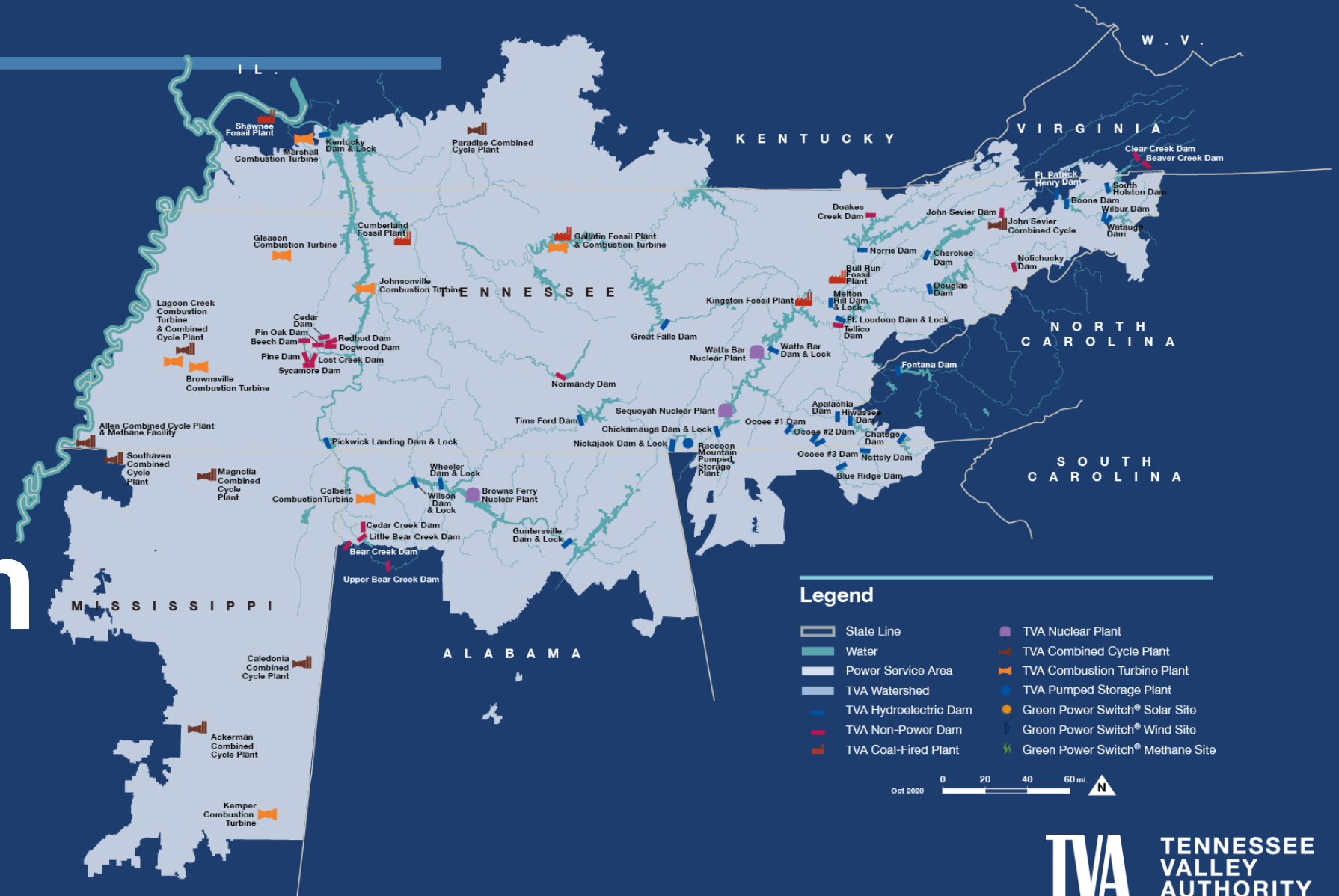


# TVA Governance

- Corporate Agency of the United States, receives no tax dollars and is self financing
- Nine-member, part-time Board of Directors, nominated by the President, confirmed by the Senate
- CEO, appointed by the TVA Board
- Regional Energy Resource Council (RERC) provides advice to the TVA Board



# The TVA Power System



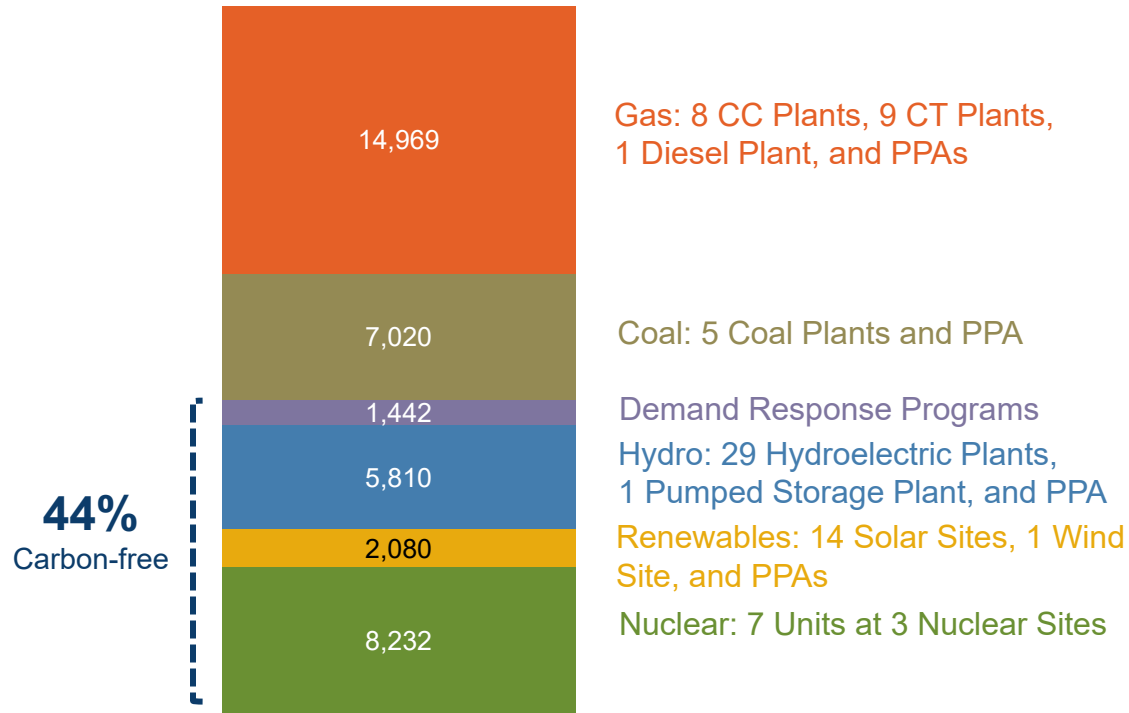
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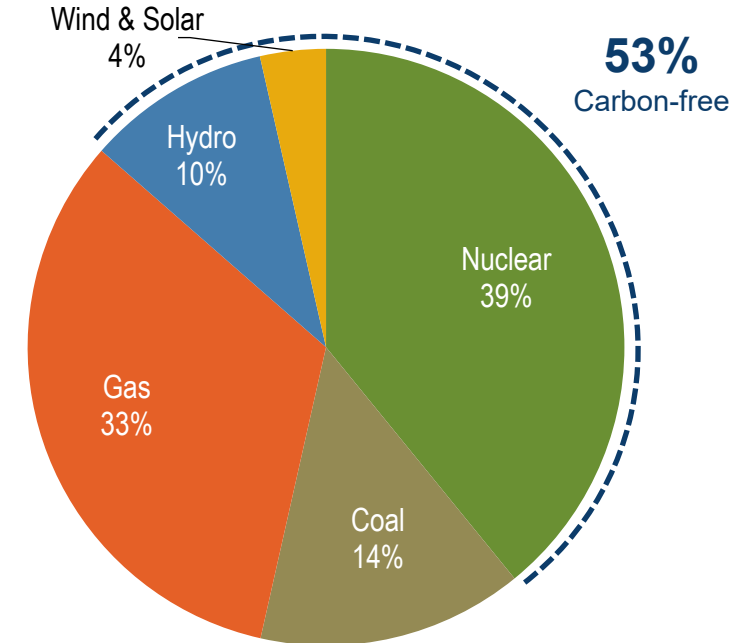
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# Today's Resource Portfolio

## FY22 Capacity 39,553 MW



## FY22 Energy 165 TWh



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# Partnering to Manage Our Resources

Water source for over

**5 Million People**

**10 Billion Gallons of Water**

are used in the valley every day

**95.6% is Recycled**

and returned to the river

Our 14 locks move 50 million tons

**Saving \$500 Million Per Year**

in shipping costs

# Providing Flood Control

**49 Dams**

Hydroelectric & non-power

Flood damage averted

**\$9.7 Billion Since 1936**

**\$300 Million Annually**

# Bringing Businesses & Jobs to the Valley

Fiscal year 2022

**Attracted | Retained 66,500 Jobs**  
**\$10.2 Billion Invested**

17<sup>th</sup> year

**Top 10 Utility**



**Attract**



**Engage**



**Serve**

# Investing in the Valley

Entirely self-funded since 1999

Tax-equivalent payments  
**\$500 Million**

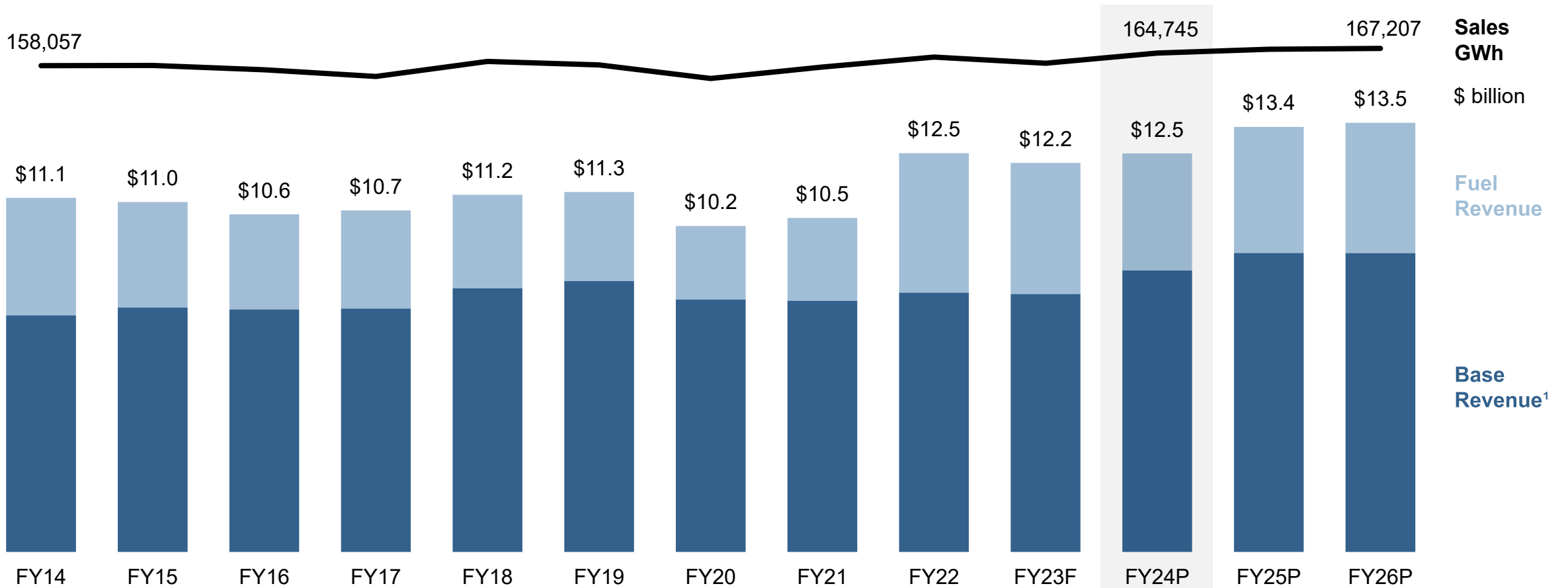
**Integrated Management of Natural Resources  
Partner for Economic Growth**



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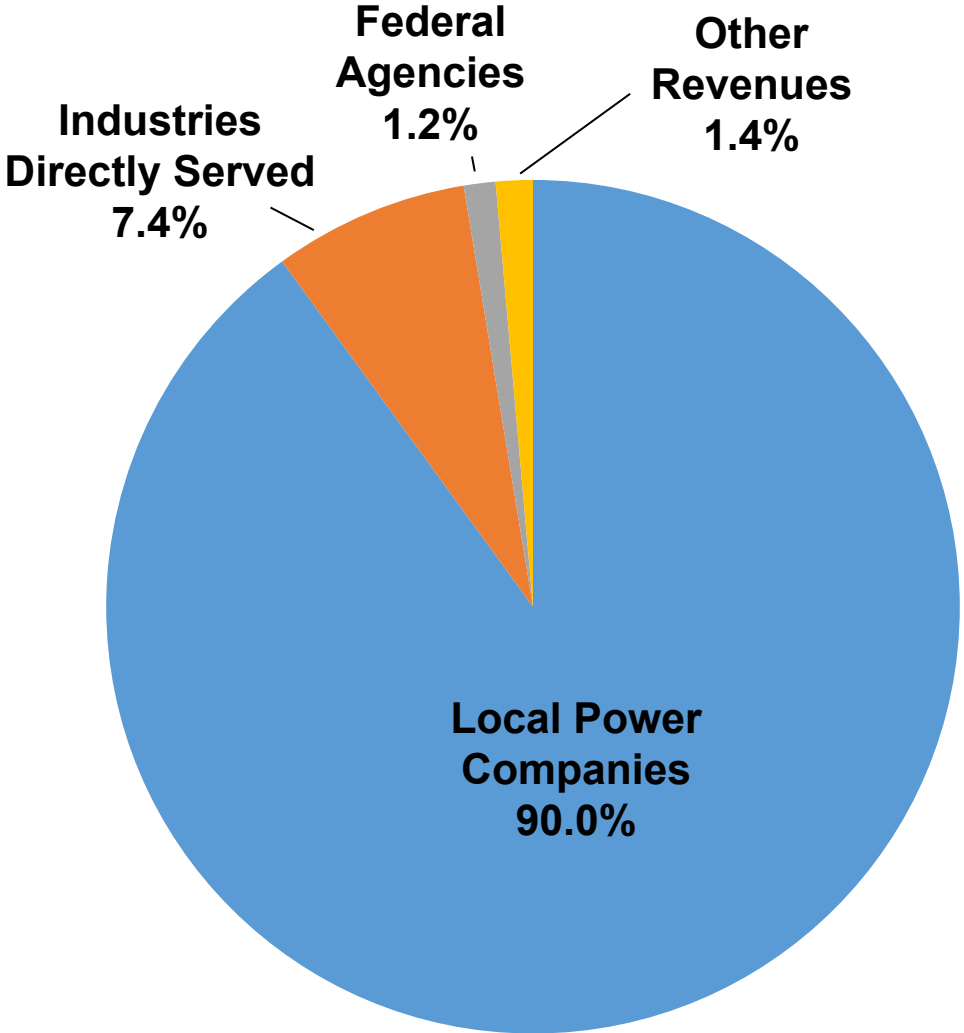
# TVA's Finances

# Operating Revenue



<sup>1</sup>Base Revenue includes "Other" revenue

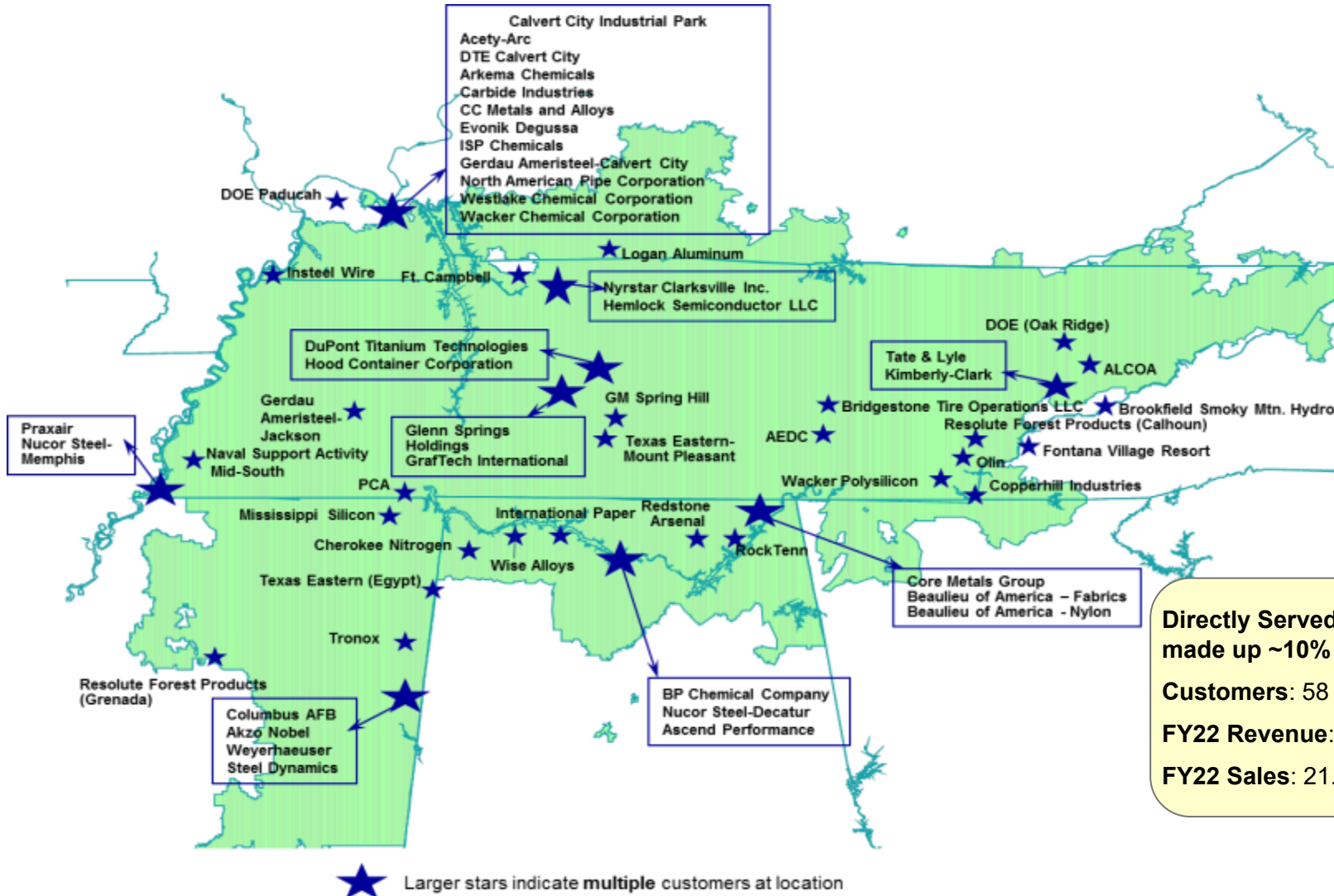
# Sources of TVA Revenues



Based on FY22 total operating revenues



# Directly Served, Federal, and Other Customers



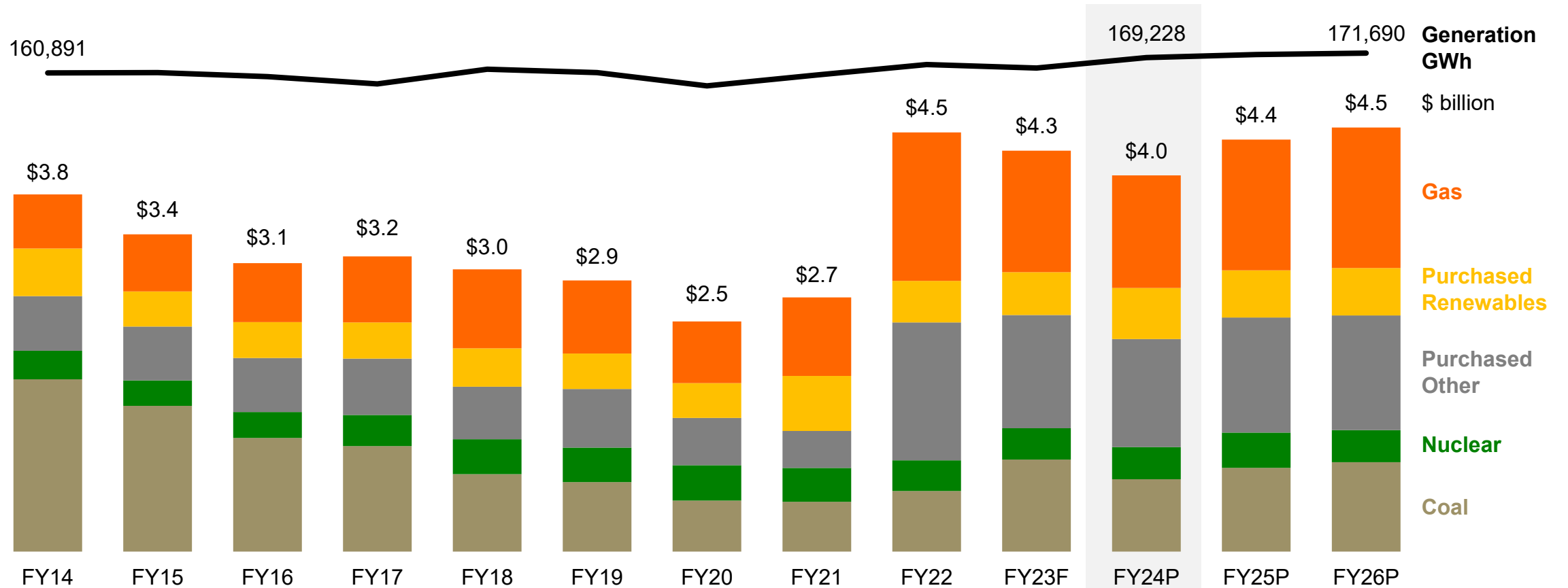
Directly Served Industrial, Federal Agencies, and other revenues made up ~10% of TVA's operating revenues in FY22

Customers: 58 Directly Served Industrial and 7 Federal (as of 09/30/22)

FY22 Revenue: \$1.2 billion

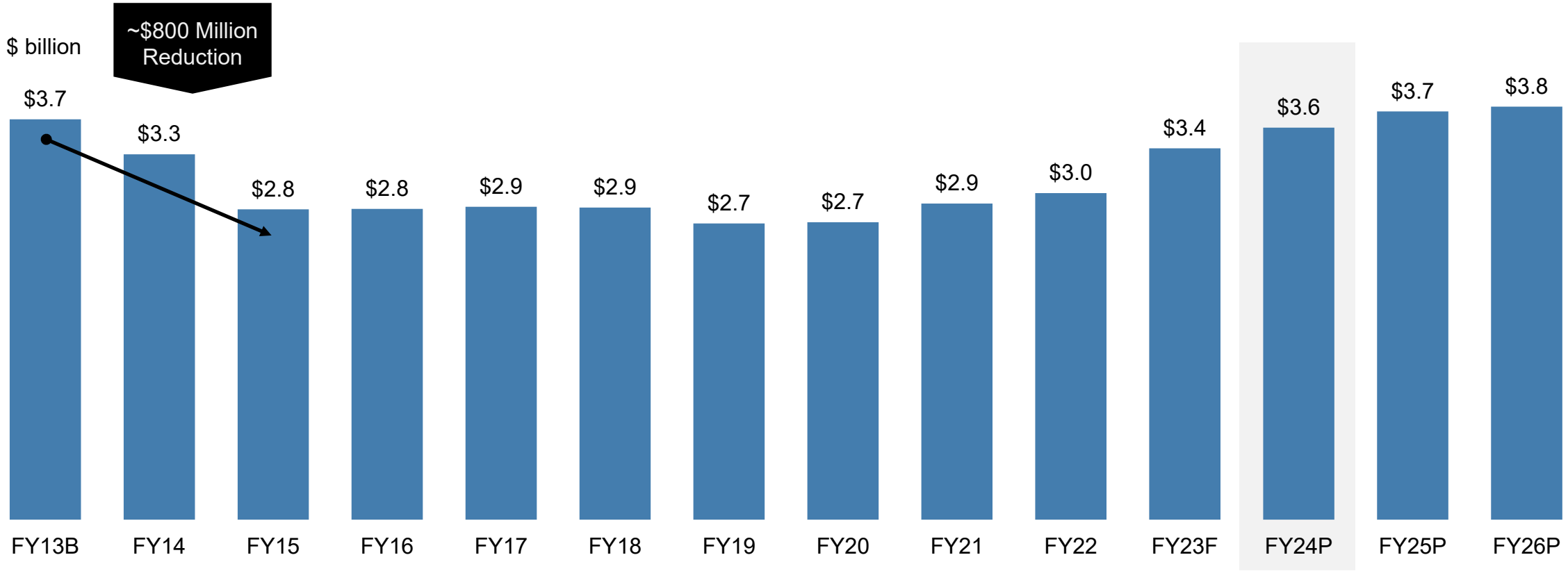
FY22 Sales: 21.7 billion kWh

# Fuel and Purchased Power



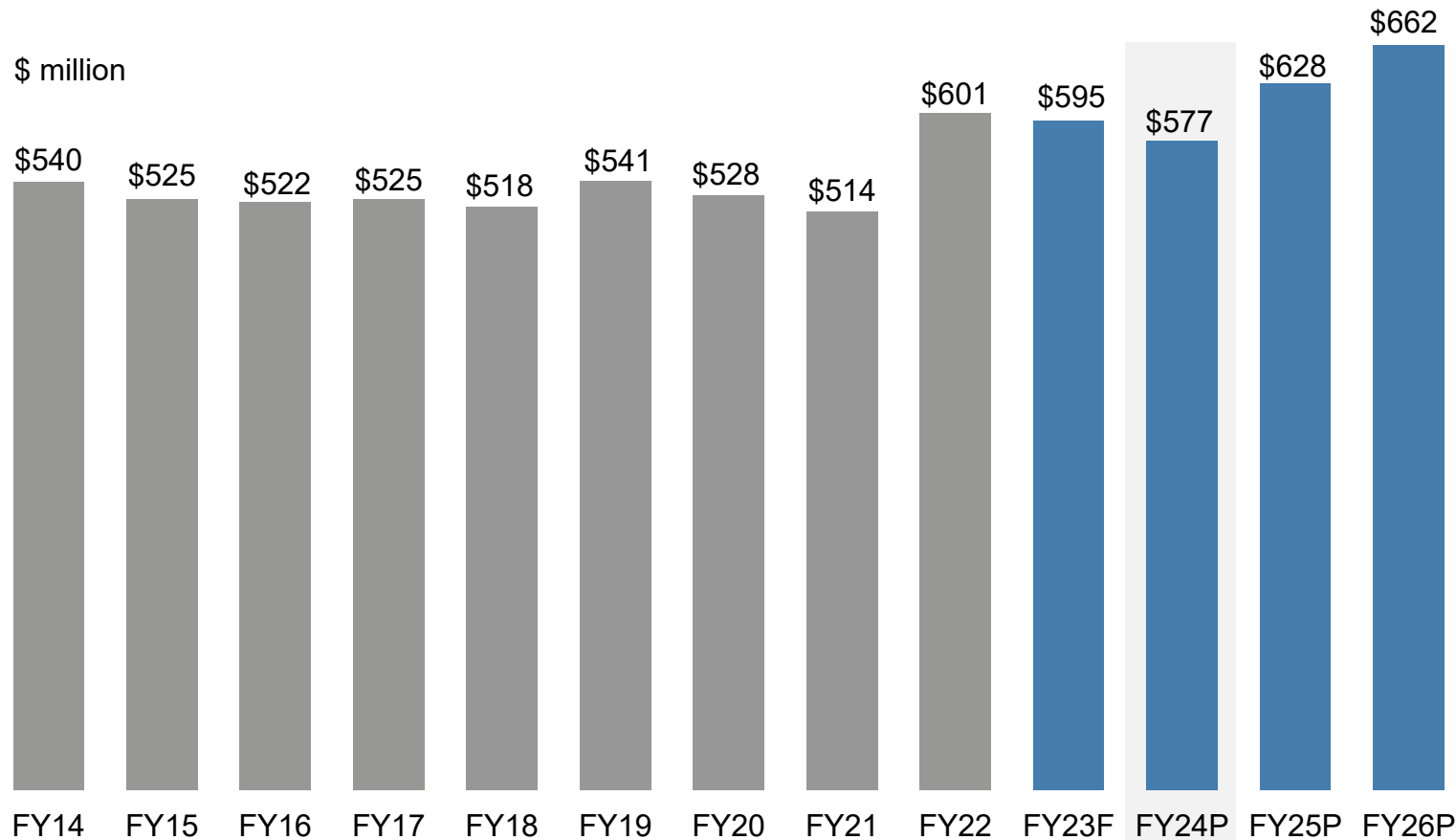
Totals include fuel cost adjustment (FCA) deferrals and fuel handling costs but exclude reagents  
 FY23F-FY26P represent FY23 July FCA

# O&M Expense



Excludes FY17 and FY19 unusual items – Discretionary pension contribution, Bull Run and Paradise write-offs, and Kingston Regulatory Asset amortization

# Tax Equivalents

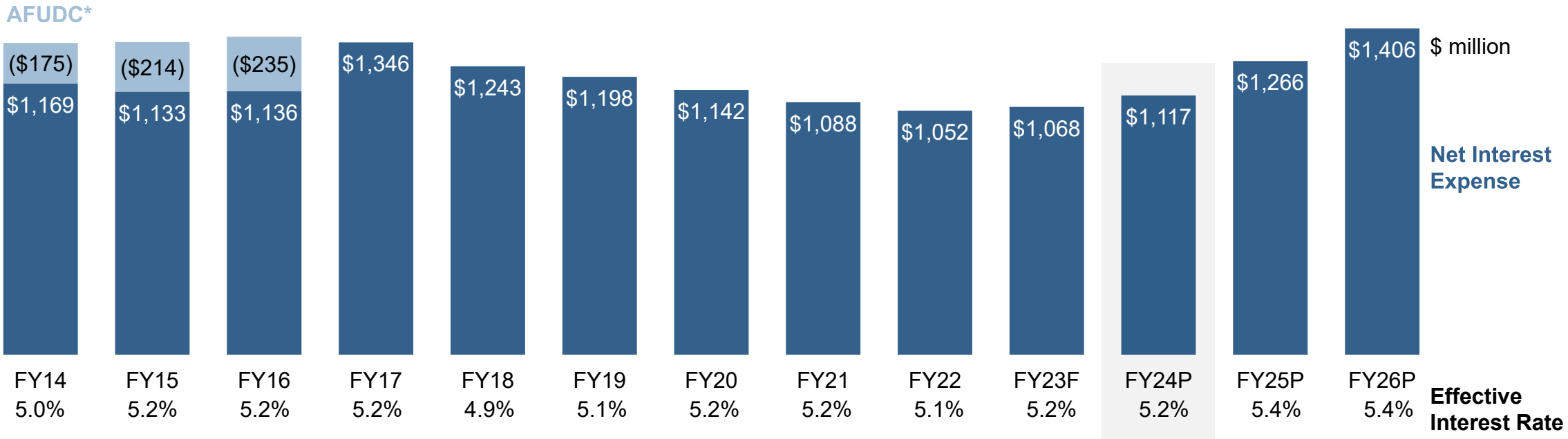


## Tax Equivalent – Final Payments by State

\$ million	FY22	FY23	Delta
Tennessee	\$345	\$410	\$ 65
Alabama	83	98	15
Mississippi	39	47	8
Kentucky	32	40	8
Georgia	8	10	2
North Carolina	3	4	1
Virginia	1	1	-
Illinois	1	1	-
<b>Final Payments</b>	<b>\$512</b>	<b>\$611</b>	<b>\$ 99</b>
Fuel Cost Adjustment	89	(16)	(105)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$601</b>	<b>\$595</b>	<b>\$ (6)</b>

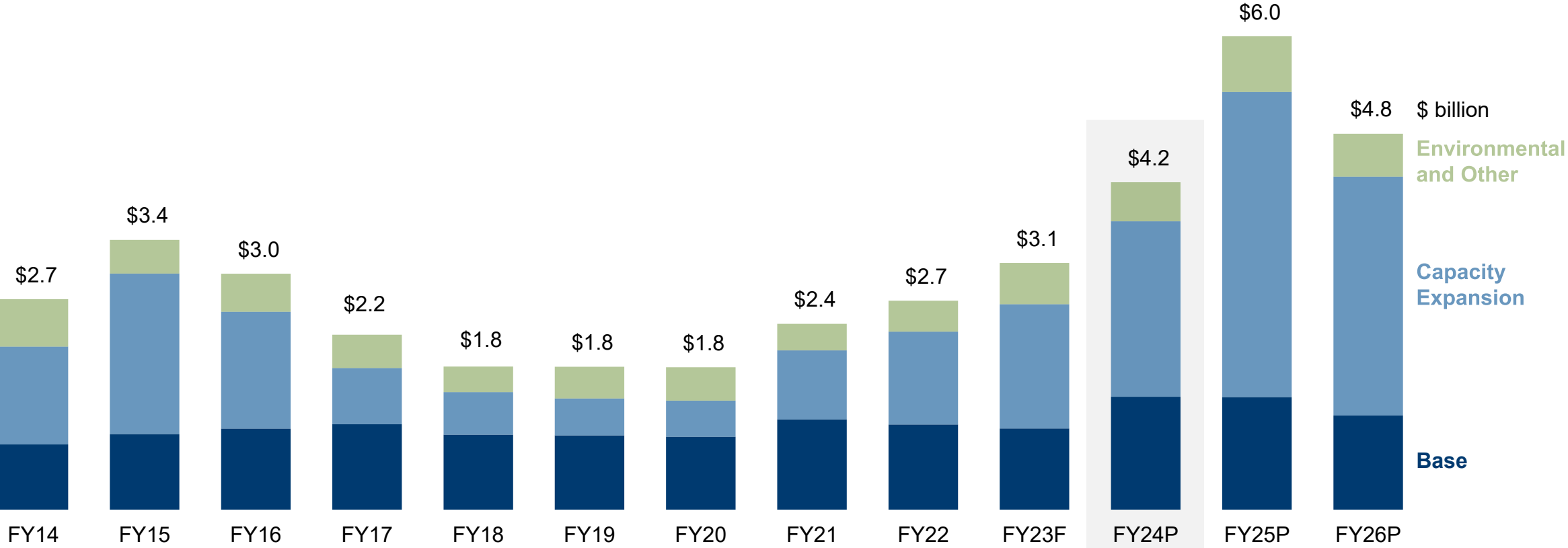


# Interest Expense



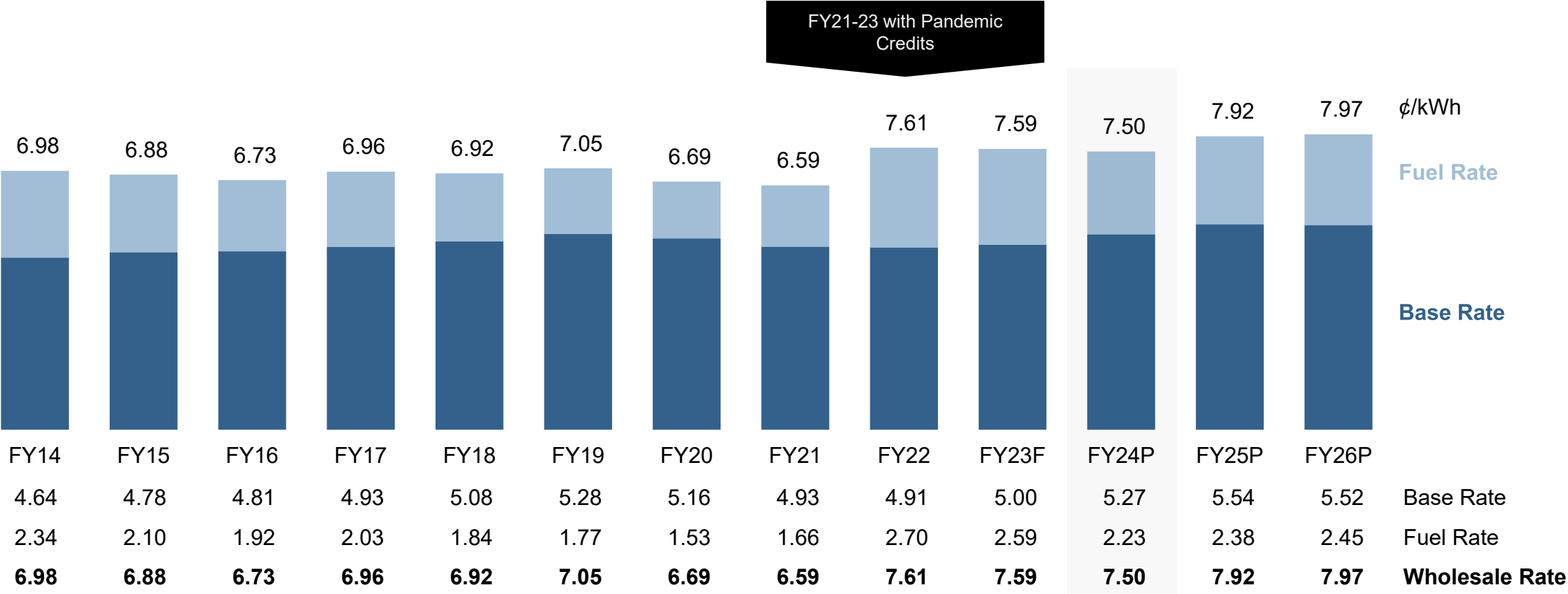
\*AFUDC: Allowance for Funds Used During Construction - related to the cost of borrowed funds for new builds that is capitalized

# Capital Expenditures



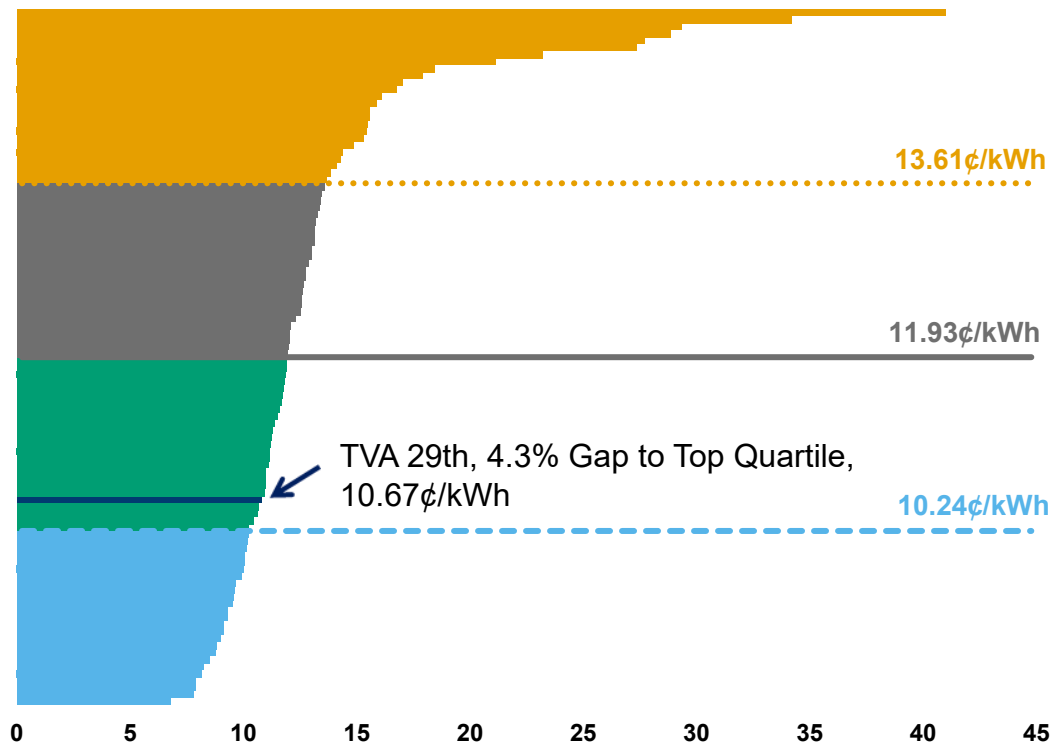
Totals include ARO and Decommissioning costs, but exclude nuclear fuel capital expenditures

# Base and Fuel Rate

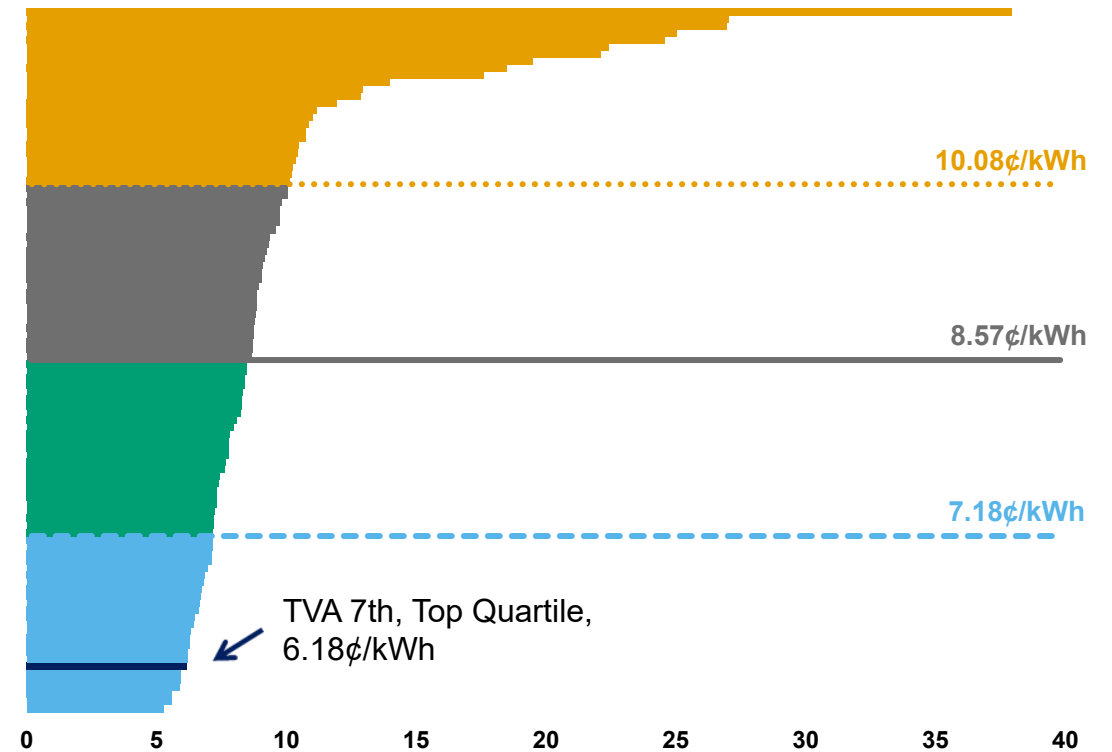


# Power Rates Among the Lowest in the U.S.

**Average Retail Rate (¢/kWh)  
Among Top 100 U.S. Utilities**



**Average Industrial Rate (¢/kWh)  
Among Top 100 U.S. Utilities**



12-Month Rolling Average (¢/kWh) – Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration-861M and Electricity Sales Statistics- April 2022 – April 2023

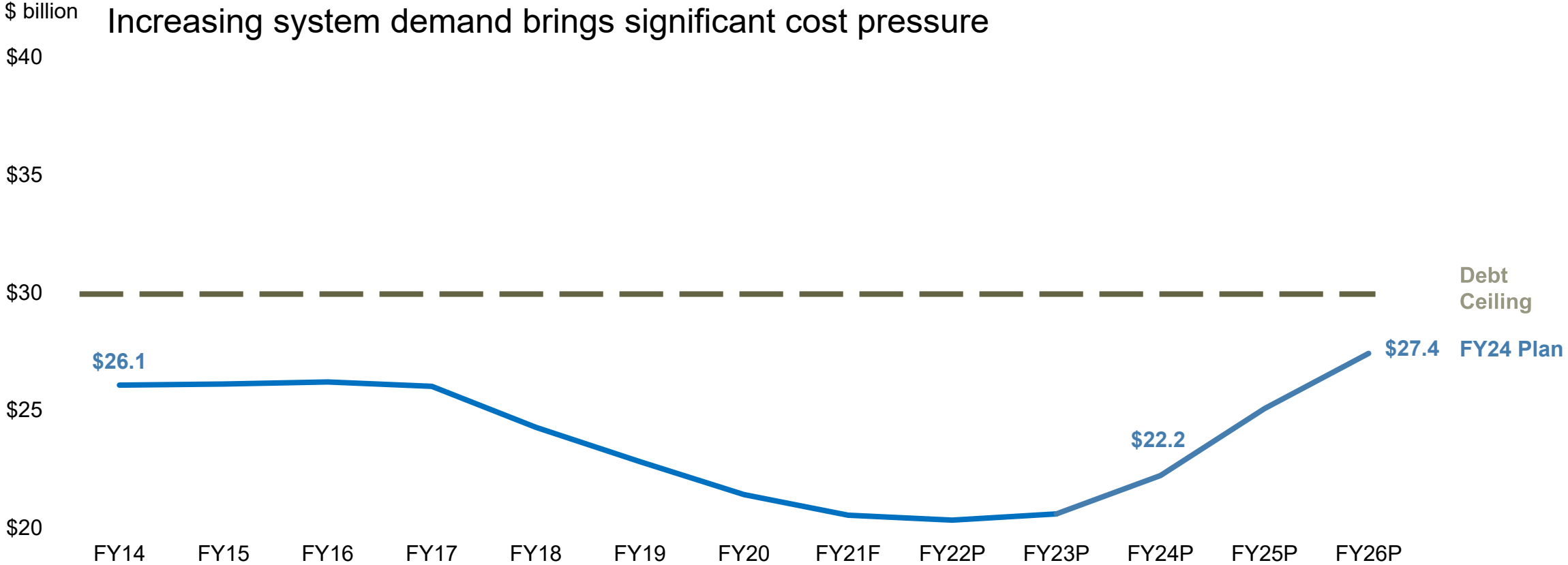
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# Financial Guiding Principles

In addition to setting rates in accordance with the TVA Act, TVA also adopted Financial Guiding Principles (FGP) in 2010 to establish principles to follow in setting rates:

- Retire debt over the useful life of assets
- Issue new debt for new assets
- Use regulatory treatment for asset-related, specific and unusual events
- Rate actions as necessary to fund operating expenses
- Evaluate rate actions to avoid significant rate volatility
- Implement rate actions to maintain financial flexibility

# Total Financing Obligations (TFO)

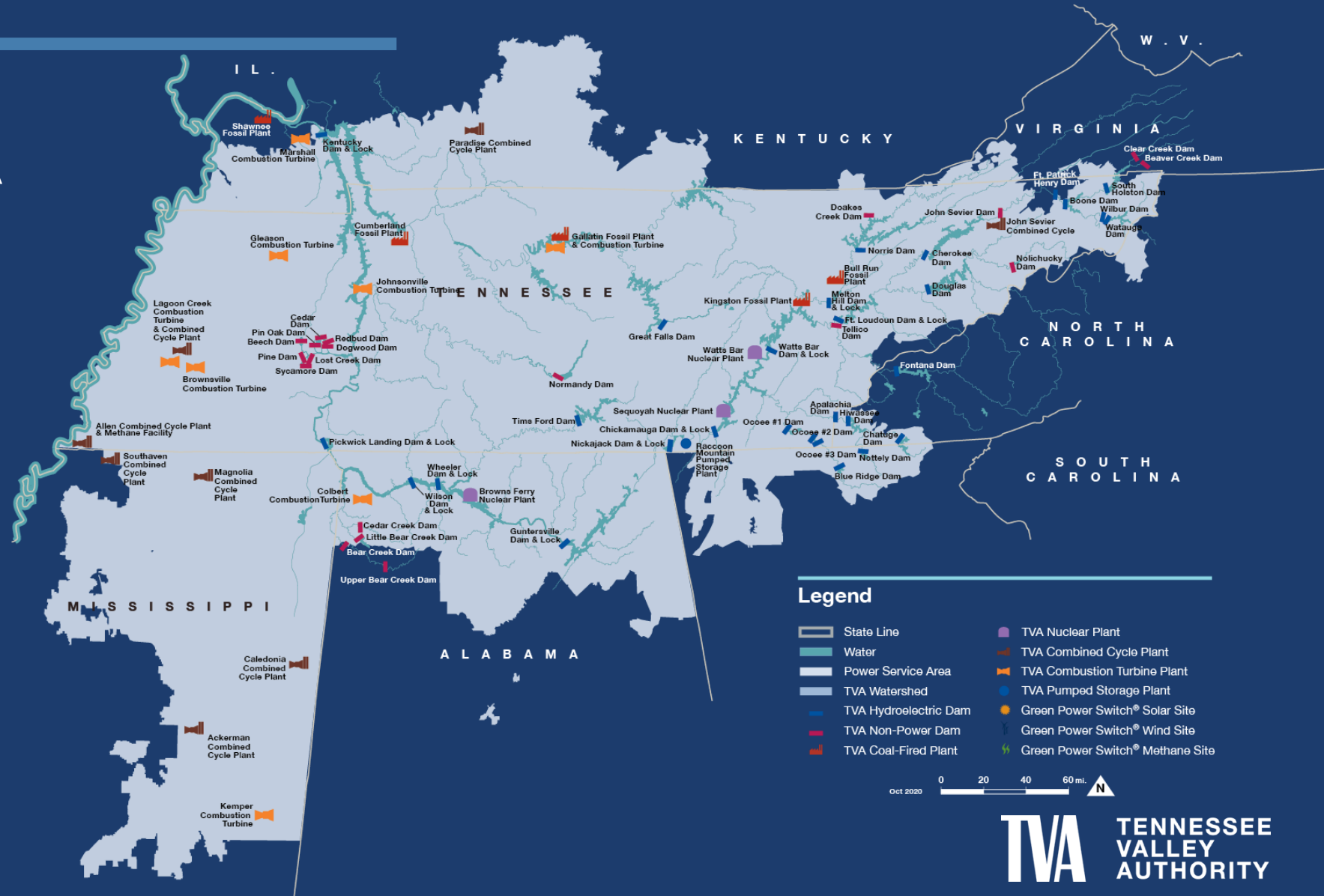


TFO includes statutory and other debt issuances

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# TVA's Asset Portfolio

# The TVA Power System



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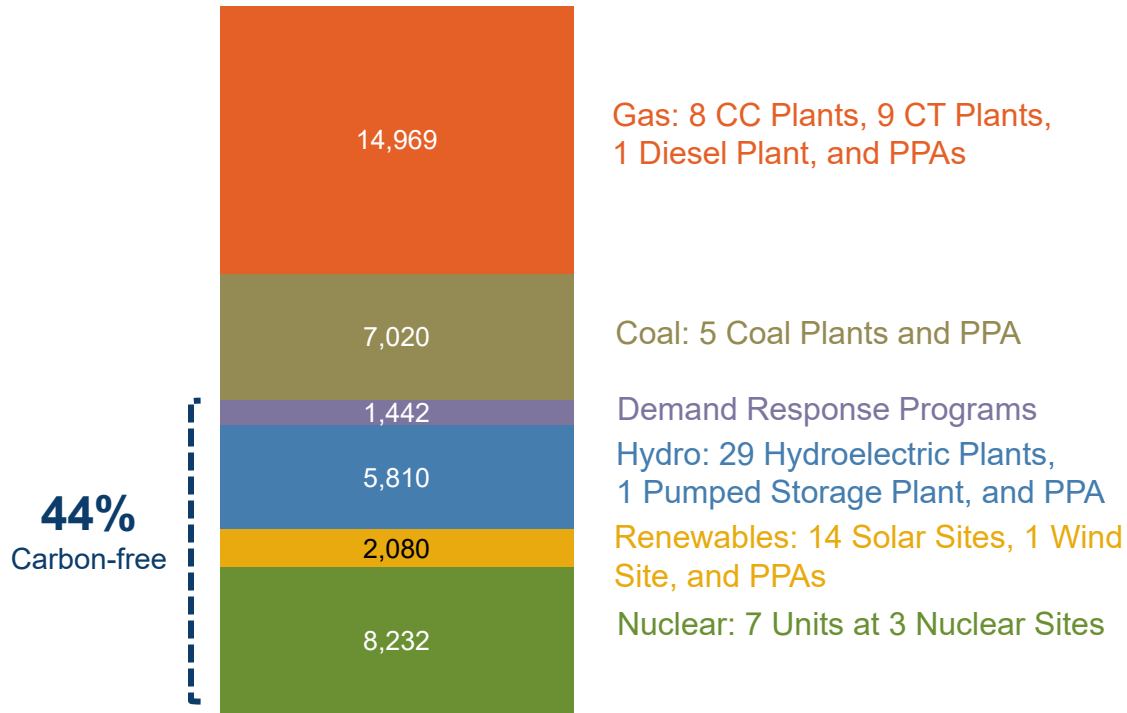
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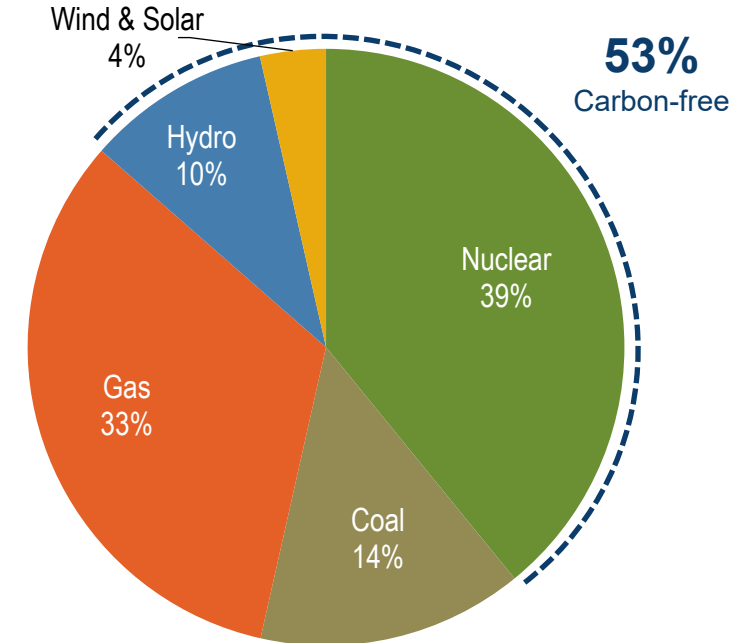


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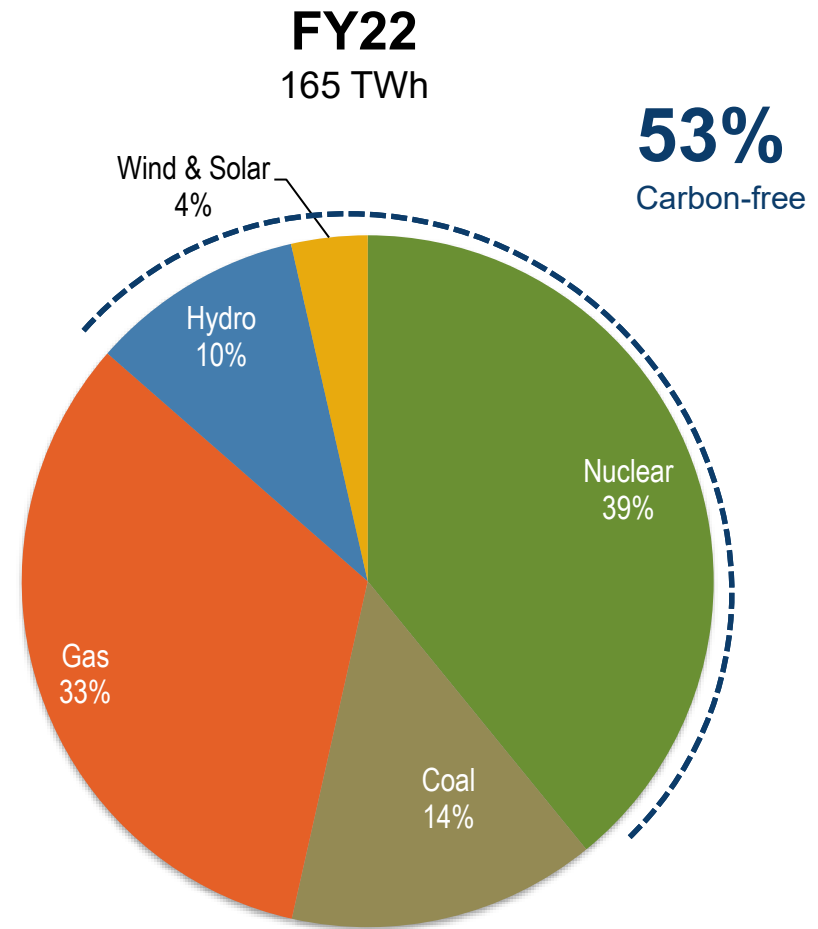
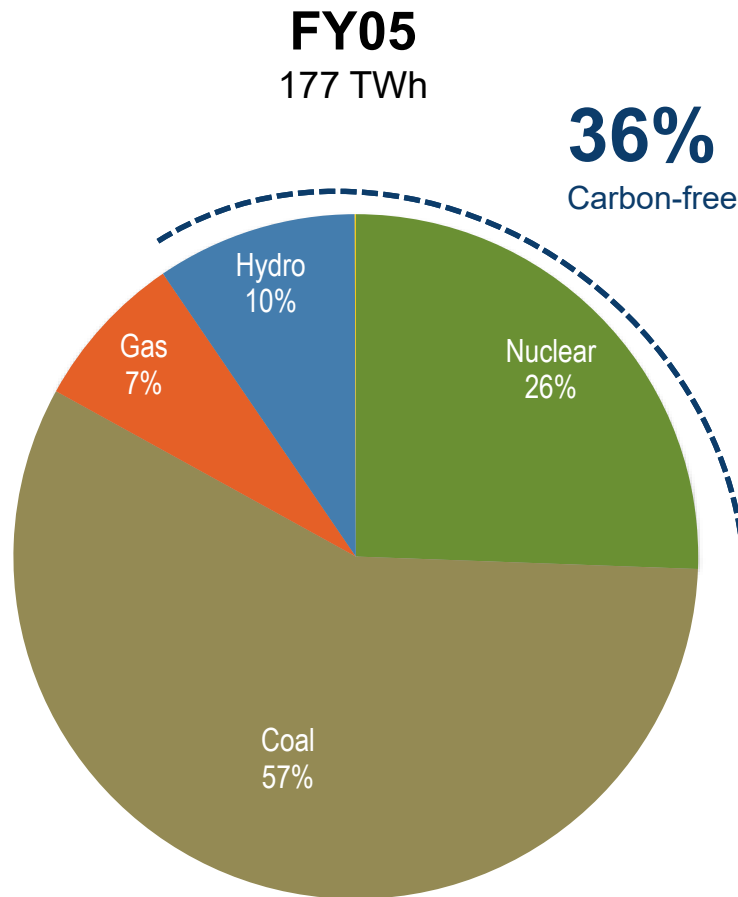
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# Diverse and Cleaner Energy Mix



# Building the Energy System of the Future

## Reliable



**Investment in Existing Fleets**  
Increasing reliability and resiliency to TVA's system

## Resilient



**New System Operations Center**  
Keeping reliability high, costs low, and improving resiliency and flexibility

## Responsible



**Portfolio Diversity**  
Expanding clean energy generation while maintaining flexibility and reliability

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# TVA's Innovation and Research Initiatives

# Innovation and Research



Advanced Nuclear Solutions



Decarbonization Options



Storage Integration



Future Grid Performance (Inertia)



Regional Grid Transformation



Connected Communities



Electric Vehicle Evolution

## Innovation Scouting

## Partnerships

## Innovation Network



Generation ▶▶

◀◀ Transmission ▶▶

◀◀ Distribution ▶▶

◀◀ End Customers

Optimizing Existing Assets

Environmental Stewardship

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# Valley Pathways Study:

## Building a Competitive, Clean Economy

Laura Duncan, Senior Project Manager, Environment & Energy Policy

November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023



# Study Partnership & Support



Mission is to address *critical energy and environmental challenges* by creating policy-relevant research and educational opportunities that integrate natural, physical, and social science.



Mission is to serve the people of the Tennessee Valley to make life better, with a focus on Energy, Environment, and Economic Development.



Significant, ongoing TVA experience working on major initiatives & engaging stakeholders

Guidehouse and VEIC are uniquely positioned to understand decarbonization pathways for the Valley and drive stakeholder alignment.



Experience conducting economy-wide decarbonization pathways modeling

- [Massachusetts 2050 Decarbonization Roadmap](#)
- [Duke Energy Carolinas Carbon Plan](#)



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# What is a Pathways Study?

A Pathways Study uses scenario-based analysis to compare several possible visions of the future to help determine the timing, scale, and effects of achieving greenhouse gas targets.

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**What paths are most feasible for the Valley to get to net zero by 2050?**



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**What impacts will these paths have on the Valley as a whole?**



# Valley Pathways Study

A study to understand what economic sectors, such as transportation, industry, agriculture and buildings, might do throughout the Valley in the coming years to reduce carbon emissions and grow the economy.



Community



Residential



Commercial



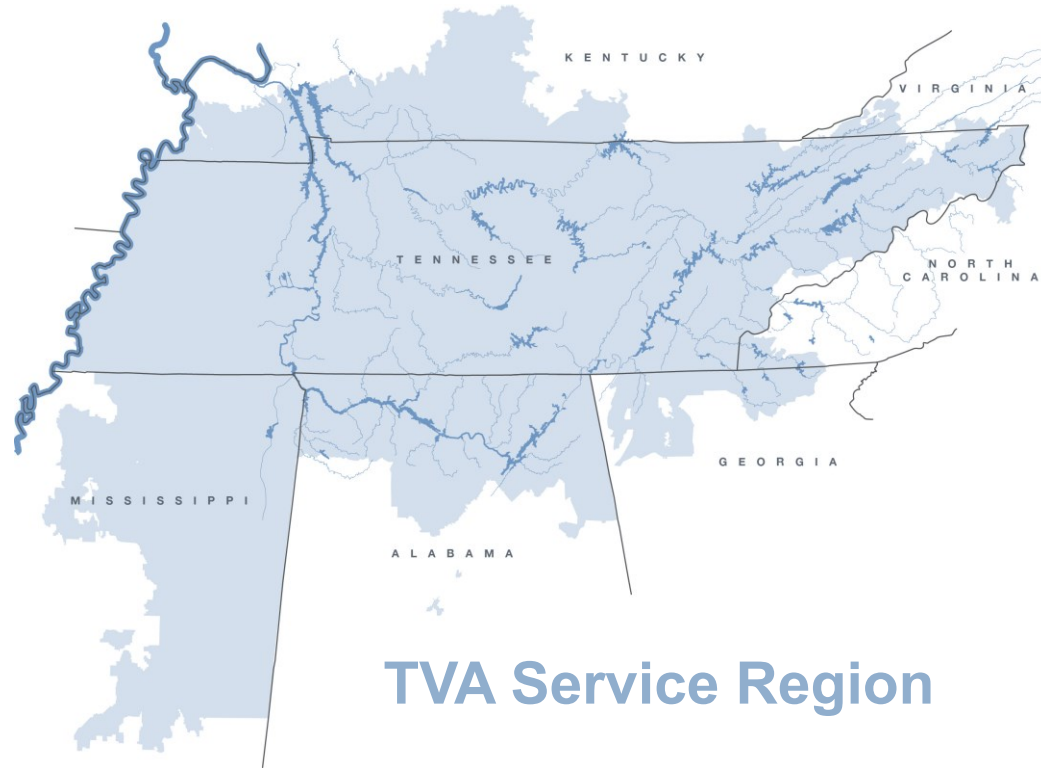
Industrial



Agricultural



Transportation



# TVA's Integrated Resource Plan

Sets strategic direction for how TVA will meet the electricity load needed in the future in a least cost, reliable and responsible manner.



Gas



Carbon Capture



Hydrogen



Hydro



Utility-Scale Solar



Energy Storage



Utility-Scale Wind



Nuclear/SMRs



Energy Efficiency



Demand Response

# Economy-Wide Study, Economy-Wide Stakeholders

1. Ford Motor Company
2. City of Knoxville
3. Oak Ridge National Laboratory
4. Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance
5. WestRock
6. BrightRidge
7. Tennessee State University
8. University of Tennessee Chattanooga
9. The Nature Conservancy
10. Redstone Arsenal
11. Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation
12. Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light
13. Tennessee Advanced Energy Business Council
14. Tennessee Department of Economic Development
15. Nashville Electric Service
16. City of Chattanooga
17. Tennessee Valley Public Power Association
18. Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Utility District
19. City of Florence Electricity
20. UT Center for Transportation Research
21. Tennessee Valley Industrial Committee
22. Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
23. Commonwealth of Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet
24. Memphis and Shelby County Division of Planning and Development



# Key Components

## Valley Stakeholders



Geographic & economic sector reps



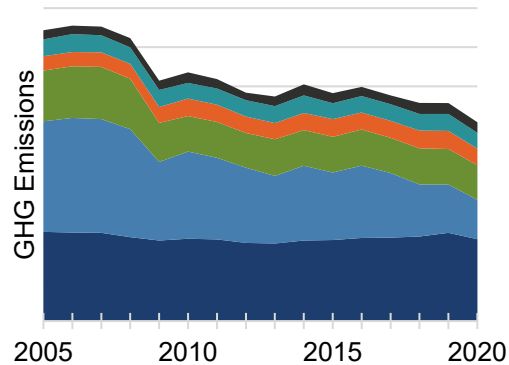
Key issue advocates



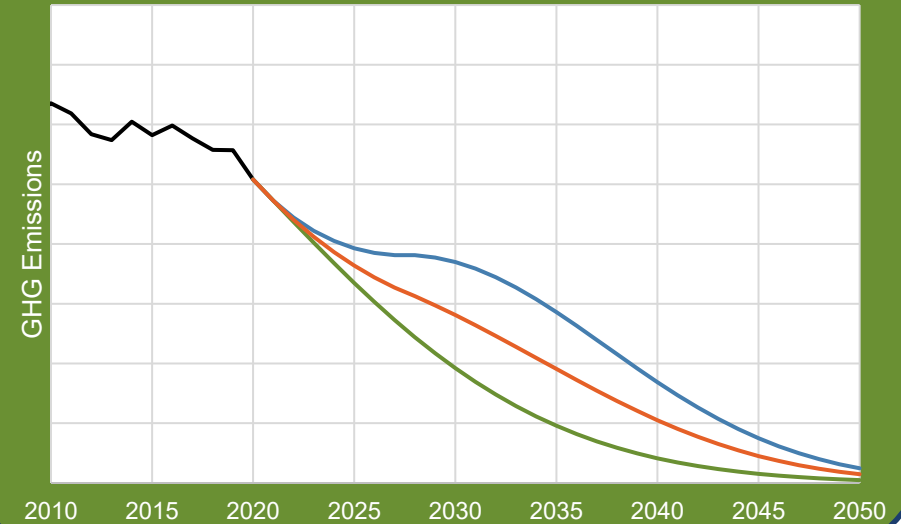
State, municipal, and local power company officials

## Valley Baseline GHG Footprint

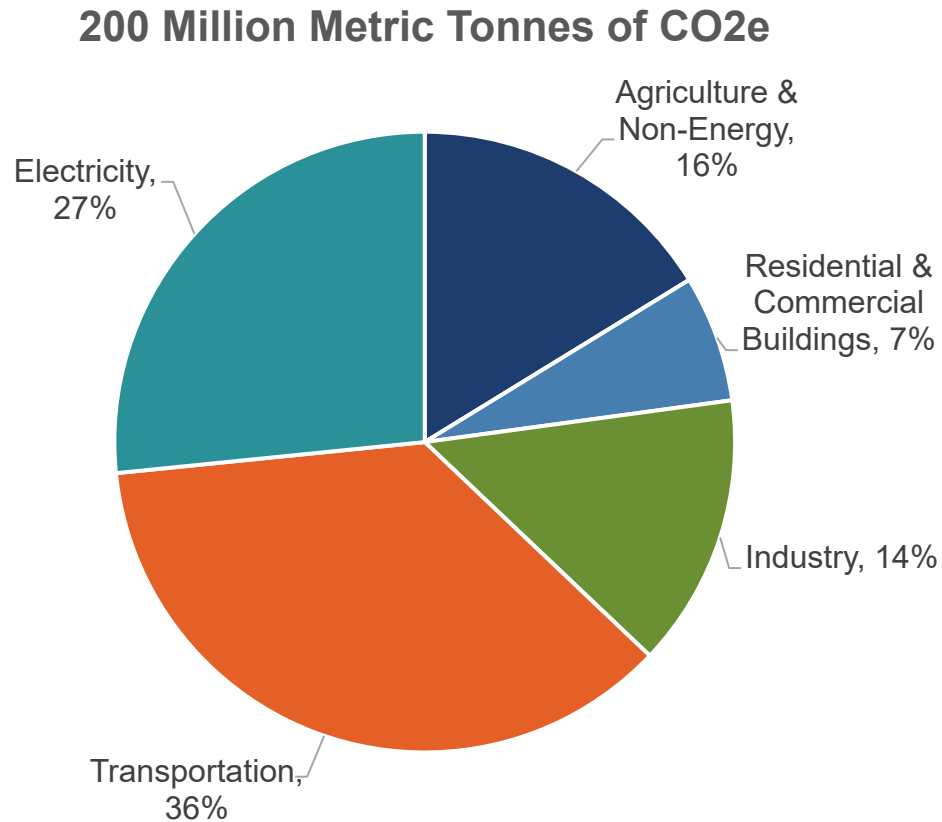
- Residential
- Agriculture
- Commercial
- Industry
- Electricity
- Transportation



## Pathways to Net Zero



# GHG Baseline for the Valley



## Key Insights

- 200 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e is ~3% of US GHG emissions – the Tennessee Valley is home to about 10 million people, or about 3% of US population.
- Transportation is, by far, the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the Valley.
- Emissions from Buildings and Industry look small, but these sectors demand nearly 100% of the electricity that is generated for the Valley.
- Agriculture represents only energy consumed; methane emissions related to agriculture are in Non-Energy alongside refrigerants and flame retardants.

Tennessee Valley 2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions (estimated). Commissioned by TVA and UTK Baker Center. Prepared by Guidehouse and VEIC. Draft, Nov. 2023.

# Pathways to Net Zero – Scenarios

## Scenarios align to “Pillars of Decarbonization”

Initial pathways scenarios focused on three critical strategies, often referred to as “pillars of decarbonization” – **efficiency, electrification, and low-carbon fuels**. A fourth pathway tests the synergies of combining those levers.

### Community Resiliency



A future where more demands – for energy, goods, and services – throughout the economy are met and funded locally. Denser communities, both urban and rural, allow for less driving.

### Accelerated Electrification



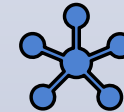
A future where almost everything in the Valley is electrified. This scenario explores the upper bound of how much electricity demand growth might be expected in a Net Zero economy.

### Low-Carbon Breakthrough



A future in which the pace and magnitude of electrification is more limited. Instead, innovation allows new low-carbon fuel alternatives to be deployed beyond just niche applications.

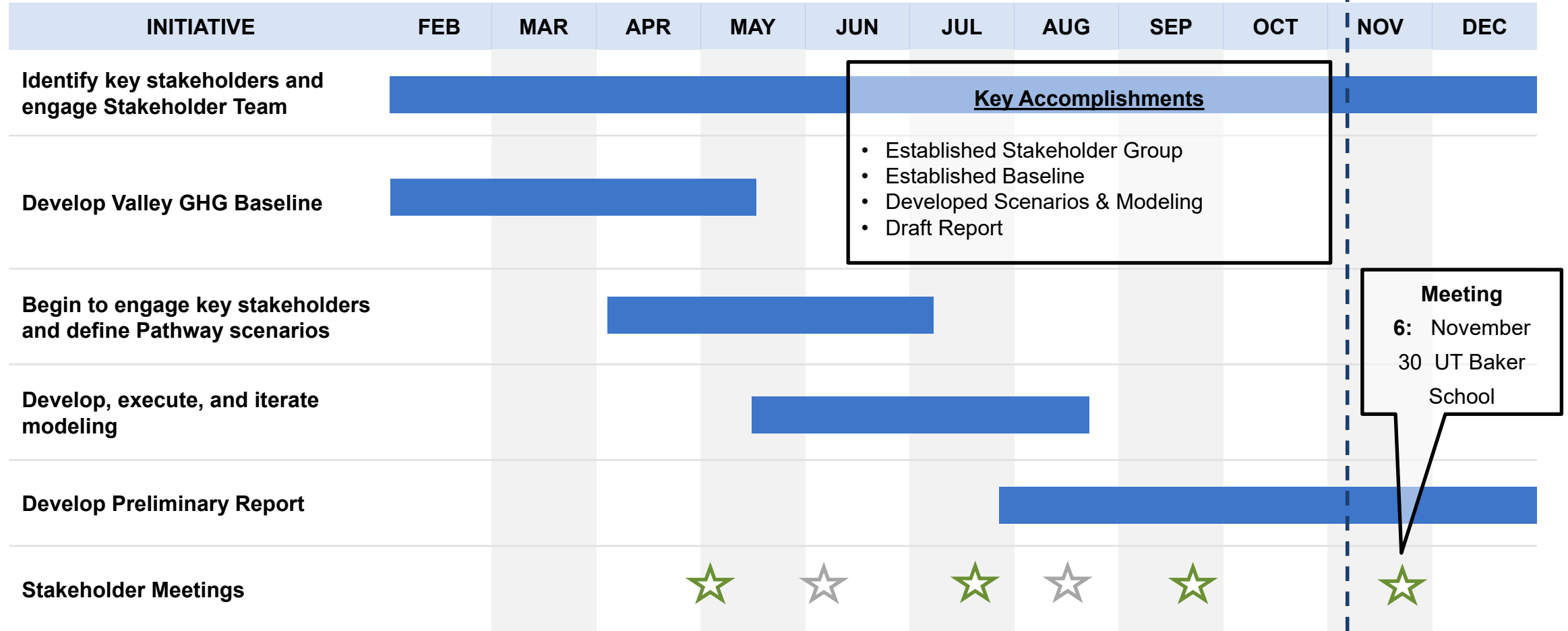
### Combined Scenario



A future where the Valley strives for a combination of the three strategies. This scenario takes an “all of the above” approach matching decarbonization strategies to their most impactful sectors.

# Project Timeline


We are here.



**Meeting 6:** November 30 UT Baker School

★ In Person      ★ Virtual

# What's next?



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## Valley Pathways Study

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### Building a Competitive, Clean Economy

The Tennessee Valley Authority is partnering with the University of Tennessee Baker Center for Public Policy on a study to develop a roadmap for a Net Zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emission economy by 2050. Building on the foundation of TVA's reliable, resilient, low-cost, and increasingly clean electricity future, this study is a key component of advancing TVA's Strategic Intent to Decarbonize. The study will look beyond just TVA's electricity service. Throughout the study, partnerships with stakeholders from across the Valley will provide a holistic view of the entire economy and support the economic competitiveness of the region.

The project will commence with the development of a Valley-wide inventory of current GHG emissions and analysis of economy-wide decarbonization pathways, including stakeholder engagement and examination of multiple scenarios. Collaborating with stakeholders, TVA and the project team will build insights, perspectives, and ambitions from every sector of the Valley's economy to build out potential pathways to Net Zero. Highlighting key areas of commonality will help bring the Valley toward consensus next steps, while arming the valley with optionality as it journeys to Net Zero. Ultimately, the project will enhance TVA's position as a leader in decarbonization and develop an actionable plan to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy throughout the Valley.

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### Vision & Benefits

In order to foster an inclusive and productive stakeholder process and develop robust, durable outcomes for the Valley, the project team is focusing on a vision supported by the four pillars outlined below.

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#### Public Webinars

[Public Webinar 1](#)

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#### Stakeholder Meetings

[Stakeholder Meeting #1](#)  
[Stakeholder Meeting #2](#)  
[Stakeholder Meeting #3](#)  
[Stakeholder Meeting #4](#)  
[Stakeholder Meeting #5](#)

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#### Join the Study

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#### Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you! If you have comments or thoughts on the Valley Pathways Study, [click here](#) to let us know.

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#### Related Documents

[Valley Pathways Study Fact Sheet](#)

- Present Preliminary Report Findings
  - Joint RERC & RRSC Meeting
- Publish Preliminary Report 2024
- Public Webinar
- Information Sharing
- Support Initiatives and Plans

View notes & submit comments at:  
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# Utility of the Future Information Exchange

Althea Jones, Senior Manager, Public and Community Engagement  
Regional Energy Resource Council Meeting  
November 7, 2023



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# Gaining Insight

## Objective

- Provide a forum for a diverse set of stakeholders to discuss the IRP process and broad issues they believe should be considered as we plan for the 2024 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).

## Goal

- Build trust; greater understanding of issues, technologies and challenges/opportunities in the evolving marketplace; facilitate mutual understanding among diverse interests; hear ideas; and present options and considerations to TVA and each other.

## Discussion Topics

- IRP process, DER & Distribution, Generation & Transmission, Community Issues and Modeling & Assumptions.

## Outputs

- Will be used by TVA staff to inform the scenarios and strategies of the upcoming IRP and provided to the 2024 IRP Working Group.

## Scope

- The group consists of 19 members and their alternates -- Drawn from local power company and direct serve partners, environmental NGOs, academia, community influencers, a think tank and social justice advocates.
- A third-party facilitator, Future 500, managed the process.

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# Process

- First meeting established ground rules – Chatham House Rule
  - No attribution of comments to outsiders
  - Be curious and listen to understand
  - Show respect and suspend judgment
  - Be authentic and note common ground, etc.
- Determined topics for next four meetings and sought presenters for each topic
- Notes were taken and approved by everyone in the group
- Quickly learned that some of our recommended considerations didn't relate to an IRP but to an effective new style utility... so we created a two-pronged report

# Utility of the Future Information Exchange (UF-IX) Meeting Outcomes

## UF-IX Deliverable:

Written document that takes the four meeting topics and answers several key questions that will provide data and insights to inform TVA's next Integrated Resource Plan Working Group (IRPWG)

## Guiding Questions:

- What would enhance TVA's IRP process?
- Are there new and novel approaches to planning for evolving technologies?
- How can TVA best engage stakeholders throughout the process?

January - Nashville

March - Memphis

May - Bowling Green

July - Knoxville

## DER/Distribution

- What does DER and Distribution technology look like in the Valley?
- What is proven technology vs technologies that are evolving?

## Generation & Transmission

- What planning assumption should be considered when creating IRP scenarios?
- How can TVA ensure balance of reliability, resiliency, affordability and sustainability in its resource mix?
- What technologies should TVA consider in planning?

## Community Impact

- How can TVA best foster engagement with diverse stakeholder groups during the IRP process?
- What locations/types of venues should be considered?
- How can TVA evaluate Environmental Justice impacts in the IRP?

## Modeling & Assumptions

- What modeling and assumptions are other utilities using?
- What technologies are off the shelf/ready now?
- How does TVA reach net zero carbon while balancing reliability, resiliency, affordability and sustainability?
- What are the scenarios and strategies we should consider?

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# UF-IX Members

**Kendra Abkowitz**

Southeast Sustainability Directors  
Network

**Cortney Piper**

TN Advanced Energy Business  
Council (TAEBC)

**Molly Cripps**

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# Outcome and a Look Ahead

- TVA learned a lot by listening, relationships were built, and broader understanding was achieved.
- A report was approved by the UF-IX and shared as a tool with the 2024 IRP Working Group.
- TVA committed to meet with UF-IX team members to apprise them of the IRP progress and how their suggested considerations are being used in the process.
- Coordinating updates with broader key Stakeholder Briefings throughout 2024.

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# BREAK

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# Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Overview

Brian Child, Vice President, Enterprise Planning

Melanie Farrell, Vice President, External Strategy and Regulatory Oversight

November 7, 2023



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# IRP and Resource Planning Overview

Brian Child, Vice President, Enterprise Planning

# TVA's Integrated Resource Plan

- The IRP is a study of how TVA could meet customer demand for electricity between now and 2050 across a variety of future worlds.
- A programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) accompanies the IRP to analyze the impacts to the Valley.
- An updated IRP is needed to:
  - Establish a strong planning foundation for the 2030s and beyond
  - Inform TVA's next long-range financial plan
- The IRP provides strategic direction on how TVA will continue to provide low-cost, reliable, and increasingly cleaner electricity to the 10 million residents of the Tennessee Valley.



# Planning is Grounded in Least-Cost Principles

In resource planning, TVA applies fundamental least-cost planning principles\*:

<p>Low Cost</p> 	<p>Risk Informed</p> 	<p>Environmentally Responsible</p> 
<p>Reliable and Resilient</p> 	<p>Diverse</p> 	<p>Flexible</p> 

\*In alignment with the Energy Policy Act of 1992  
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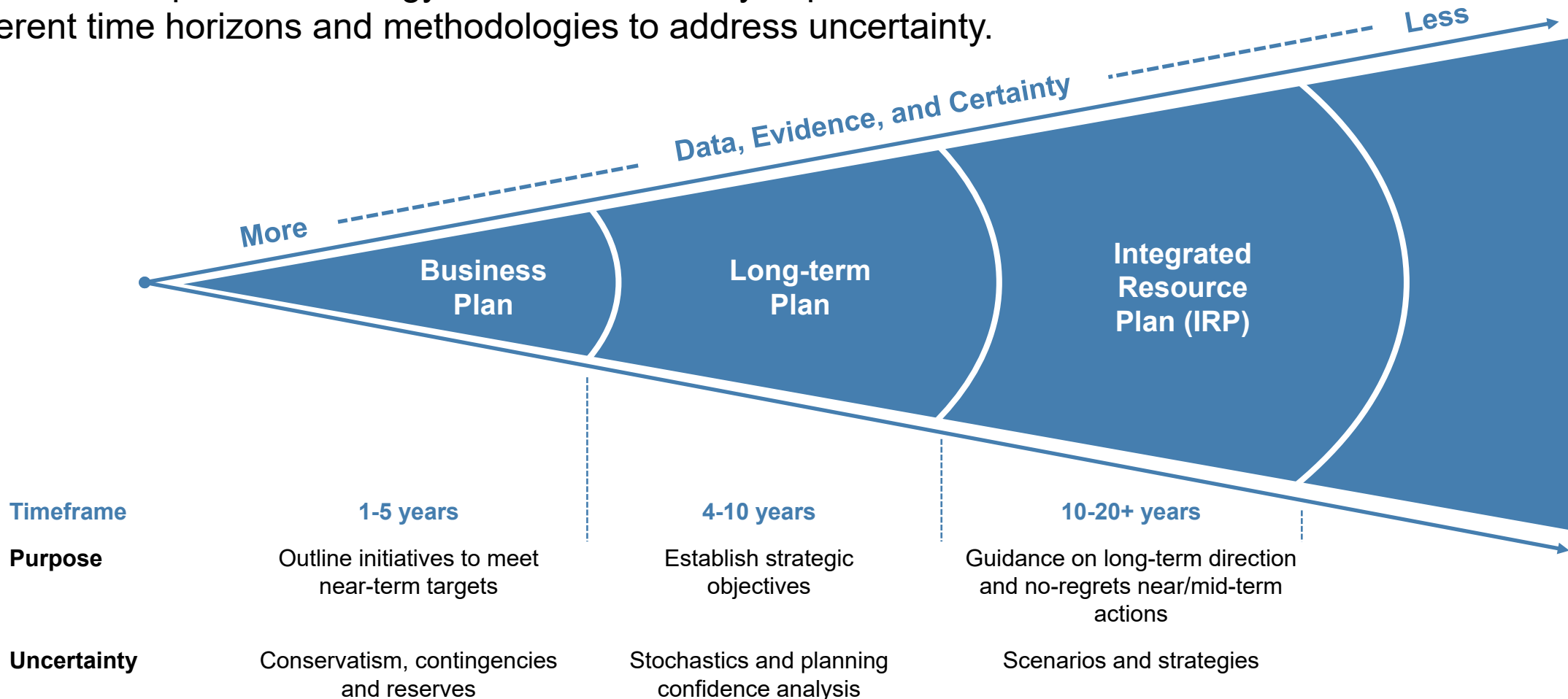
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# TVA Least-cost Planning Requirements

- Section 113 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires TVA to employ and implement a “least-cost planning program” for its electrical system to provide “adequate and reliable service at the lowest system cost.”
- Under this program, TVA is directed to:
  - Evaluate all demand and supply side resources, including energy conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy
  - Take into account a variety of factors related to system operations, including diversity of resources to meet operating conditions, reliability, compliance costs, and other relevant risk factors
- Key takeaways for resource planning:
  - TVA is not permitted to direct a specific resource mix or adopt firm policy decisions regarding what resources are to be included in or excluded from that mix.
  - TVA must strive for a balance of providing electrical service that it determines is “adequate” and “reliable,” consistent with the needs of the system, with the obligation to provide that service at the lowest system cost.

# Planning Horizons and Uncertainty

To test and implement strategy, TVA uses a variety of plans with different time horizons and methodologies to address uncertainty.



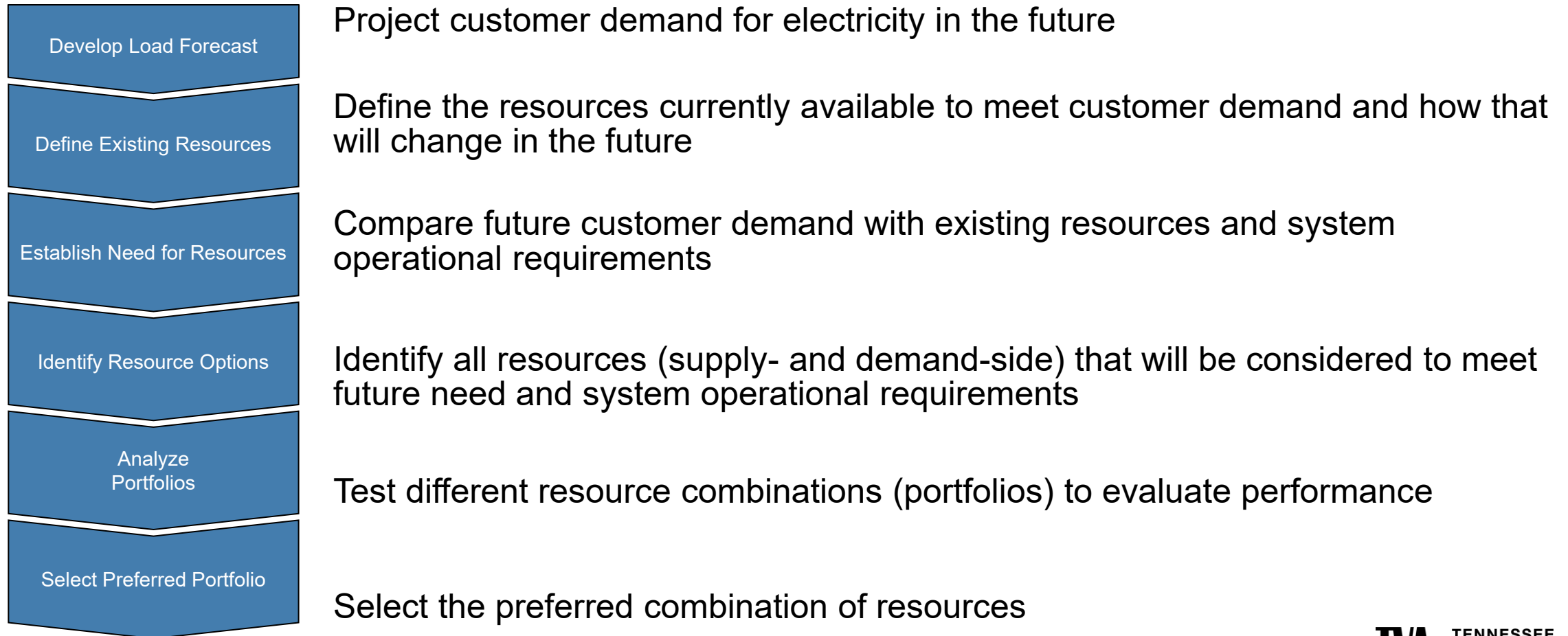
# Resource Planning Is About Solving Puzzles



- By asking a lot of questions, like ...
- How much energy will our customers use in the future?
- What alternatives do we have to meet our resource needs?
- Are there strategic considerations that will limit the alternatives we can consider?
- How do we properly evaluate these resource alternatives?
- How do we find the best solution?
- Which plan (portfolio) do we select?

# The TVA Resource Planning Process

Resource Planning is a common practice in the utility industry to identify the least cost solution to meet customer demand and system operational requirements over a long horizon (typically 20-30 years)



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# 2019 IRP

Brian Child, Vice President, Enterprise Planning



# 2019 IRP Results



All portfolios point to a TVA power system that will be LOW-COST, RELIABLE, and CLEAN



- In addition to providing the strategic direction for TVA's future energy supply, the 2019 IRP recommended near-term actions that have been integrated into TVA's asset strategy.

# Asset Strategy

TVA's asset strategy was developed based on 2019 IRP strategic direction, near-term actions, and key signposts, grounded in least-cost planning, and includes the following initiatives:



## Coal

Retire Bull Run in 2023 and Cumberland in 2026/2028

Retire remaining coal units as they reach the end of life, expected by 2035



## Natural Gas

Modernize the combustion turbine fleet

Enable coal retirements and solar integration



## Nuclear

Invest to improve and sustain fleet performance

Renew nuclear fleet licenses

Explore advanced technologies



## Hydro

Invest to sustain fleet performance

Optimize flexibility

Continue evaluation of market options

Evaluate pump-storage options



## Solar/Wind

Add 10 GW of solar by 2035 to meet customer and system needs

Optimize location and procurement

Continue to enable partner flexibility to add renewables



## Storage

Demonstrate use cases to support system needs and solar integration

Explore emerging technologies



## EE & DR

Continue to invest in low-income programs

Expand economic EE programs to offset system costs

Support integrated planning efforts



## Transmission

Reliable and Integrated Grid

Expansion for Economic Development and Local Load Growth

Regulatory Compliance

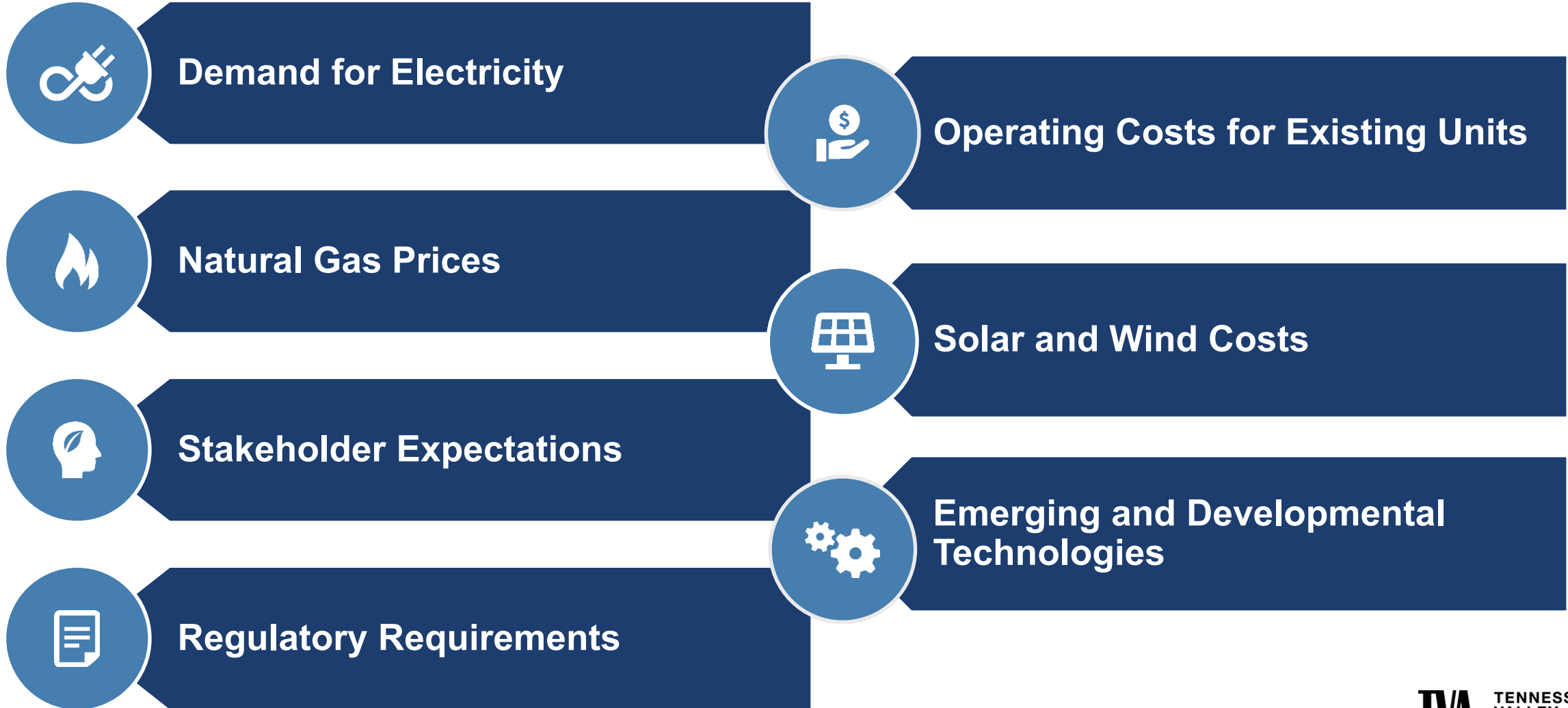
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## 2019 IRP - TVA Board Action and Direction\*

- Approved the planning direction in the 2019 IRP.
- Directed TVA staff to monitor signposts to appropriately consider possible adjustments to the planning direction:
  - Changing market conditions
  - More stringent regulations
  - Technology advancements
- Directed TVA staff to initiate the next IRP no later than 2024.

\*August 22, 2019, TVA Board Meeting

# 2019 IRP Key Signposts



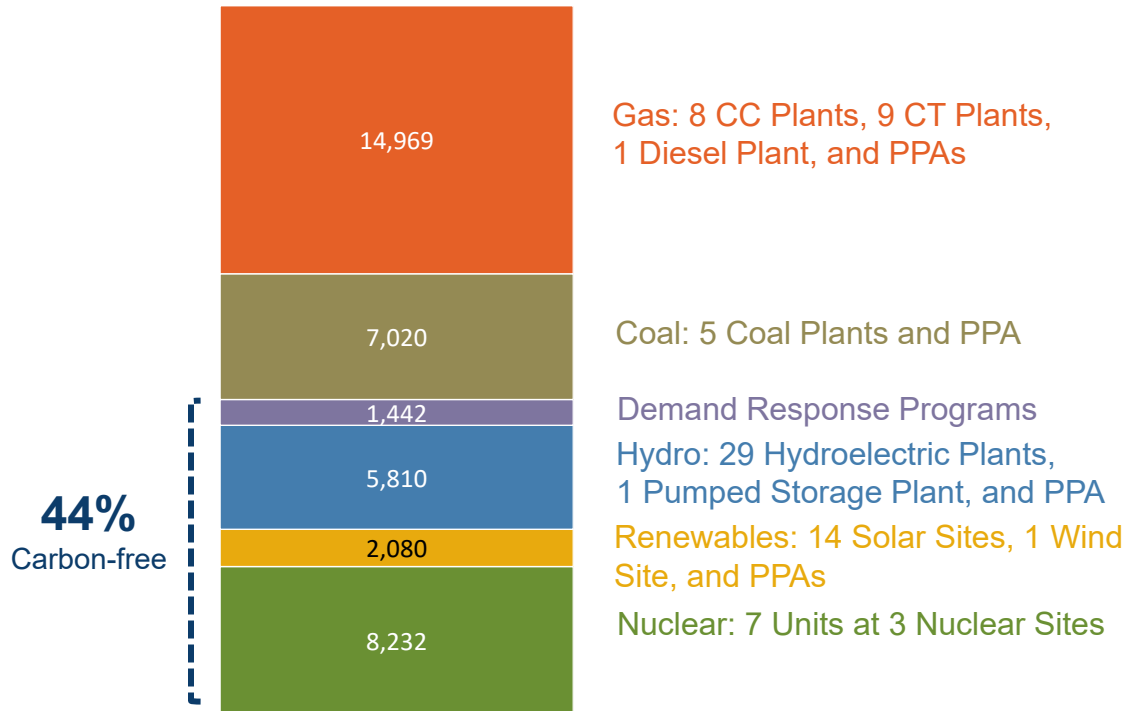
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# IRP Process

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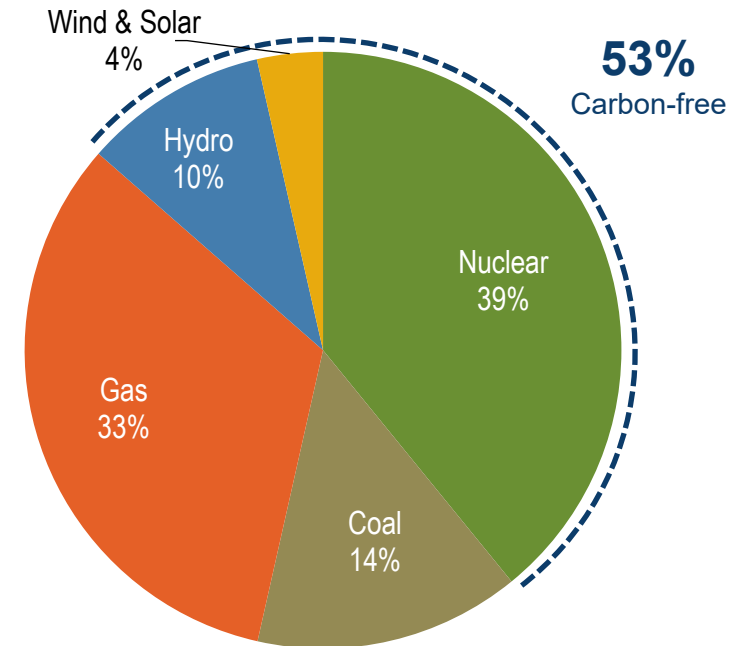
# Today's Resource Portfolio

## FY22 Capacity 39,553 MW



Capacity aligns to FY22 10-K Net Summer Capability, adjusted to include demand response programs. Planning capacity is lower, as it accounts for Hydro and Renewable expected generation at peak, fuel blend derates, and other factors.

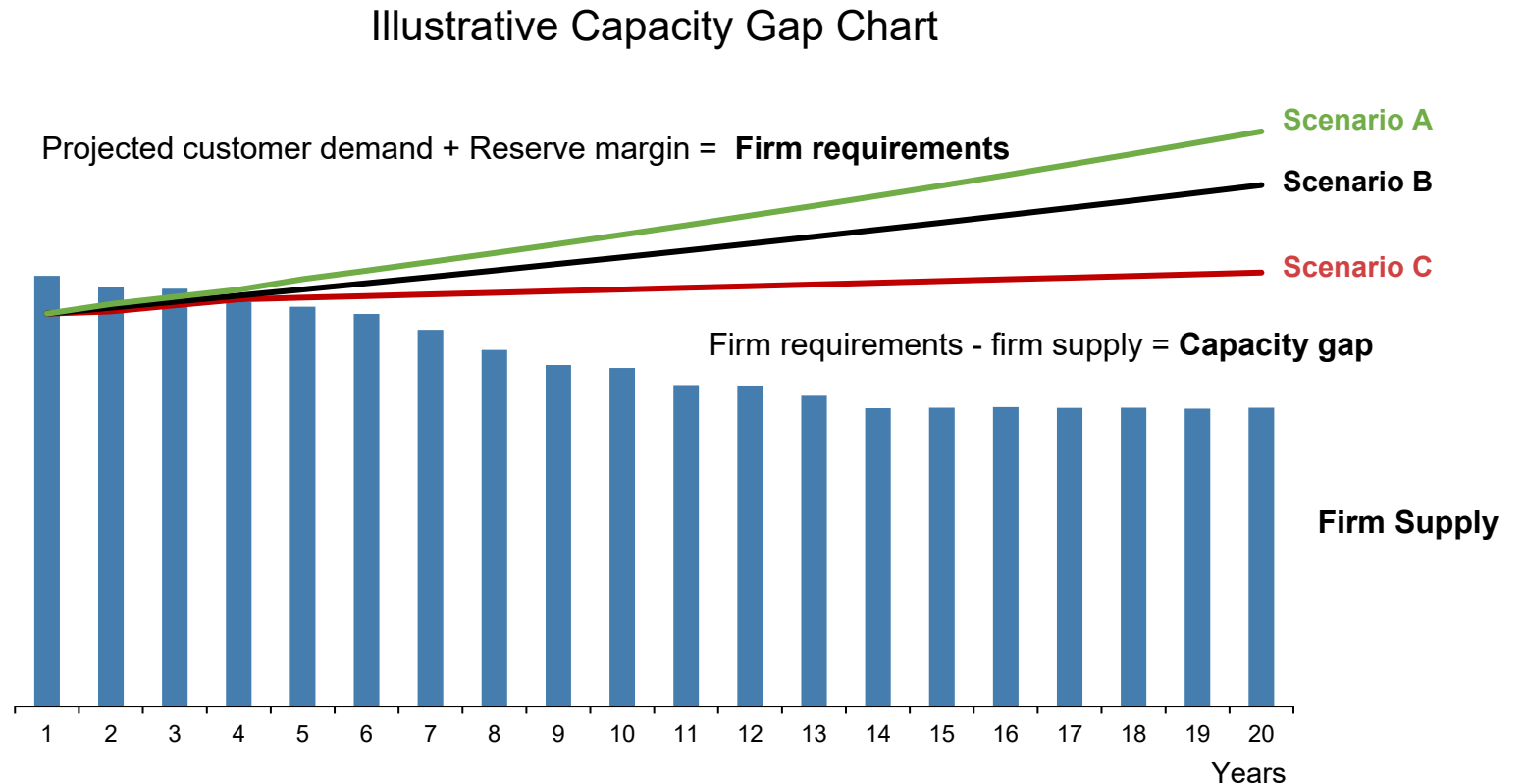
## FY22 Energy 165 TWh



In addition to power supply sources included here, TVA offers energy efficiency programs that effectively reduced 2022 energy needs by about 2,200 GWh or 1.3% (Net Cumulative Realized at System basis, 2007 base year).

# Resource Planning for Future Capacity Needs

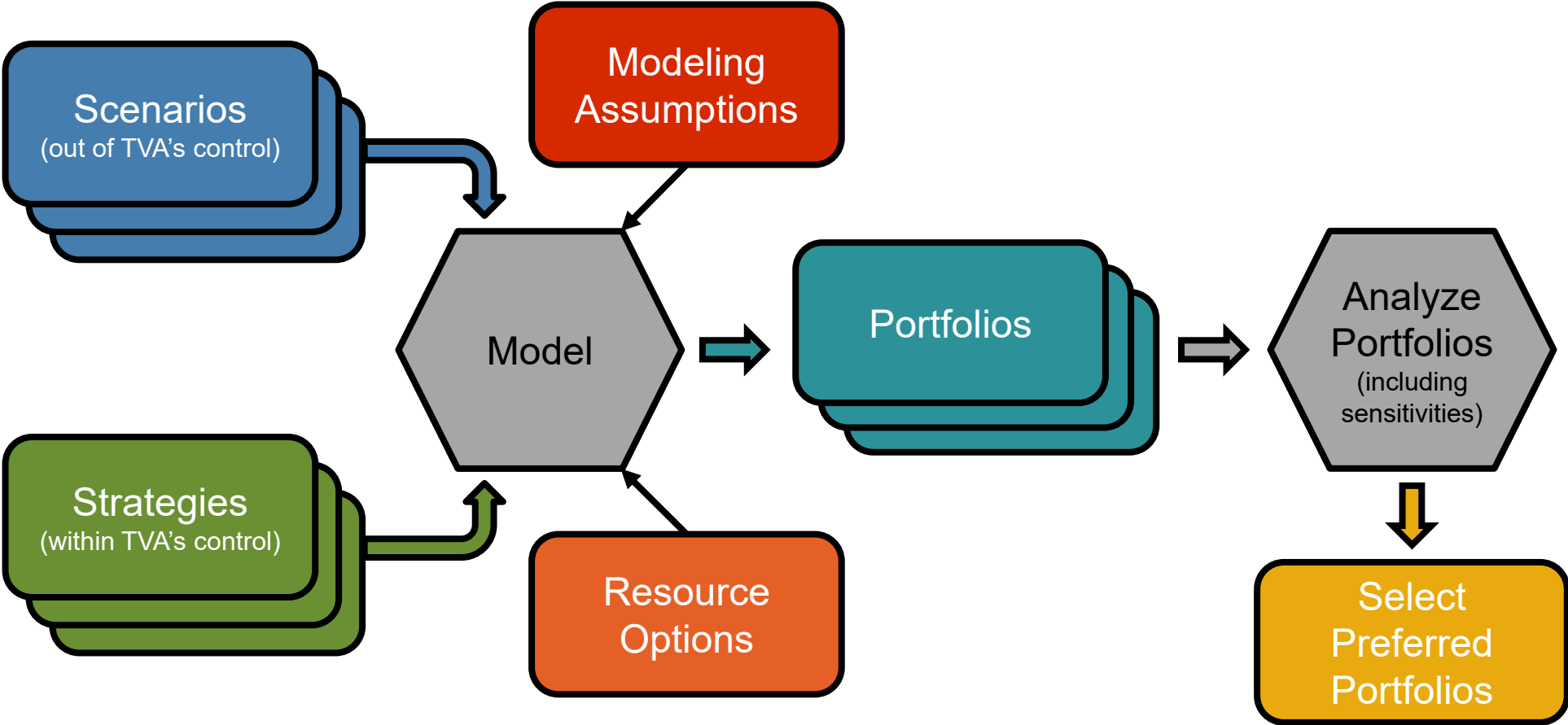
- Resource planning is about optimizing the mix of future capacity.
- Projections of capacity needed are filled by the most cost-effective resources.
- Multiple scenarios will be explored, reflecting different levels of forecasted demand or firm requirements.



Recommended path provides low cost, reliability, diversity and flexibility

# How the Integrated Resource Planning Process Works

Stakeholder feedback is a key component in the development of all model inputs





# Scenarios and Strategies Establish a Framework

## Scenarios

*Outside TVA's Control*

- Describe potential outcomes of factors (uncertainties) outside of TVA's control
- Represent possible conditions and are not predictions of the future
- Include uncertainties that could significantly impact operations, such as:
  - Load forecasts
  - Commodity prices
  - Environmental regulations
- Lends insight to riskiness of portfolio choices

## Strategies

*Within TVA's Control*

- Test various business options within TVA's control
- Defined by a combination of resource assumptions, such as:
  - DER portfolio
  - Nuclear expansion
  - Energy storage
- Consider multiple viewpoints
  - Public scoping period comments
  - Assumptions that would have the greatest impact on TVA long-term

**A well-designed strategy will perform well in many possible scenarios**

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# 2024 IRP - Key Considerations

- Reliability, affordability, and resiliency
- Dispatchability
- Electrification and load growth
- Carbon reductions and net zero
- Renewables and storage
- Climate impacts
- Environmental justice
- Other risks

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# IRP Timeline and Updates

Brian Child; Vice President, Enterprise Planning

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# Key IRP Dates

- The 2024 IRP study approach is intended to enable stakeholder involvement and ensure transparency
- Spring 2023: Publication of Notice of Intent (NOI) and public scoping initiation
- Summer 2023: IRP Working Group commences
- Fall 2023: Public scoping report published
- Fall/Winter 2023: Power system modeling and environmental study
- Spring 2024: Publish Draft documents, public comment period begins
- Spring/Summer 2024: Respond to Draft comments and develop Final documents
- Summer 2024: Publication and TVA Board adoption of Final IRP and EIS

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# IRP Updates and Upcoming Activities

- Engaging the IRP working group
- Finalized scenarios and strategies and reviewing/refining assumptions
- Consulting industry experts, e.g., National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
- Performing power system modeling
- Next public webinar planned for December 2023

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# NEPA Process Overview

Melanie Farrell; Vice President, External Strategy and Regulatory Oversight

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# IRP Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) - Purpose and Approach

- To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Ensures TVA decision-makers are informed of environmental impacts
- Provide public involvement
- Determine the environmental impacts system-wide
- Programmatic EIS

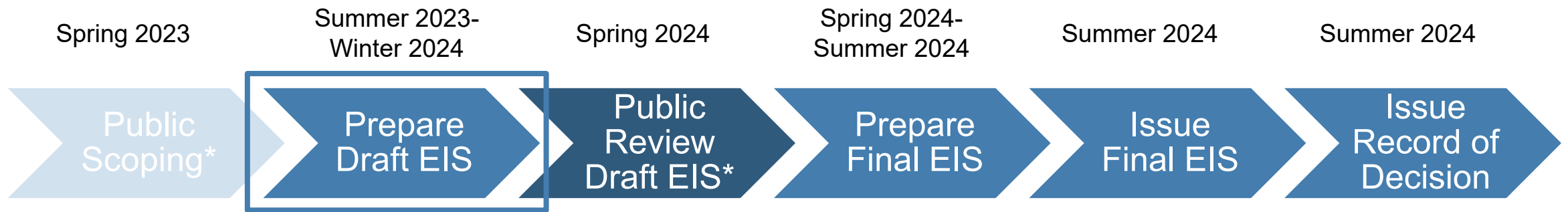
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# EIS Analyzes Key Environmental Factors

- The EIS will assess broad region-wide impacts of the next IRP on environmental factors such as:
  - Air quality and climate impacts
  - Water resources
  - Fuel requirements
  - Waste production
  - Land requirements
  - Socioeconomics and environmental justice



# EIS Process and Milestones



\*Opportunity for public feedback

2024 IRP SCOPING REPORT AVAILABLE AT [www.tva.com/irp](http://www.tva.com/irp)

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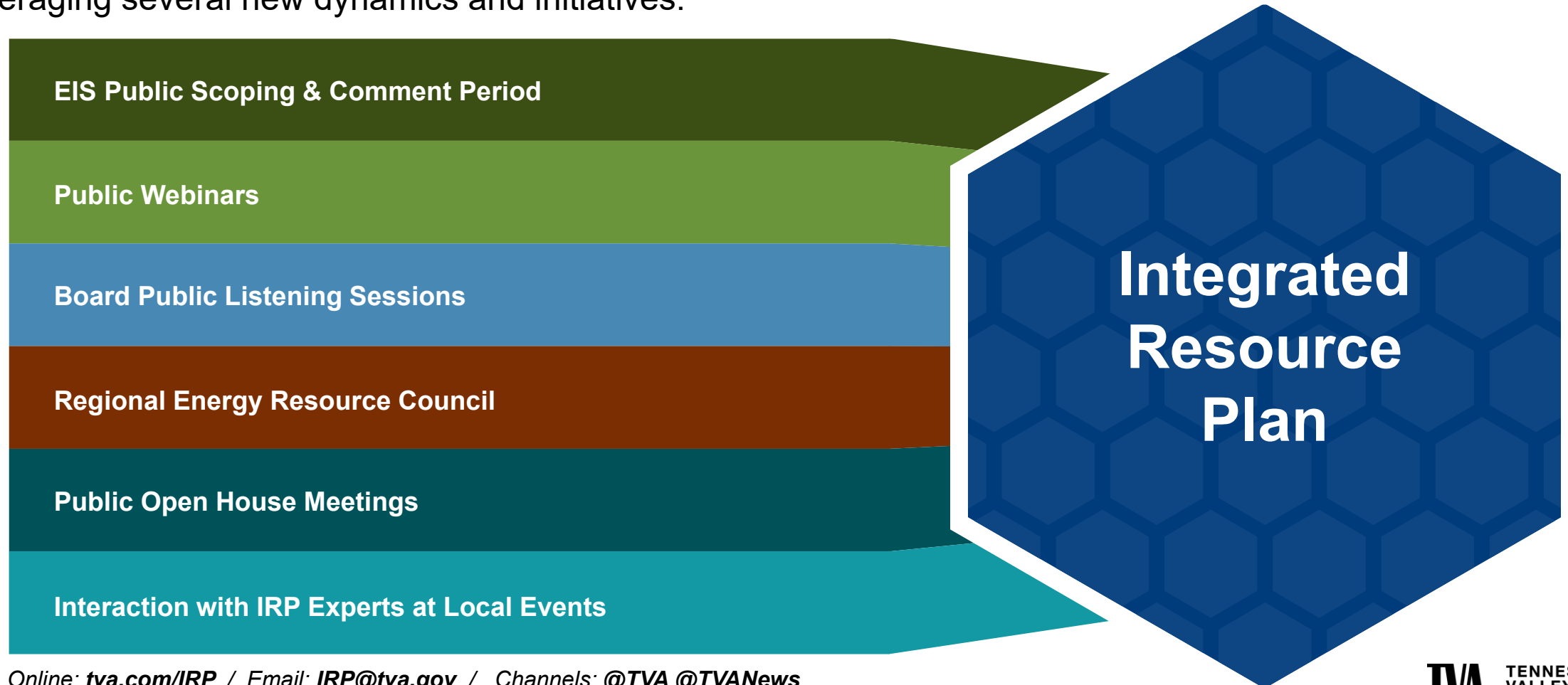
# Stakeholder Engagement Opportunities

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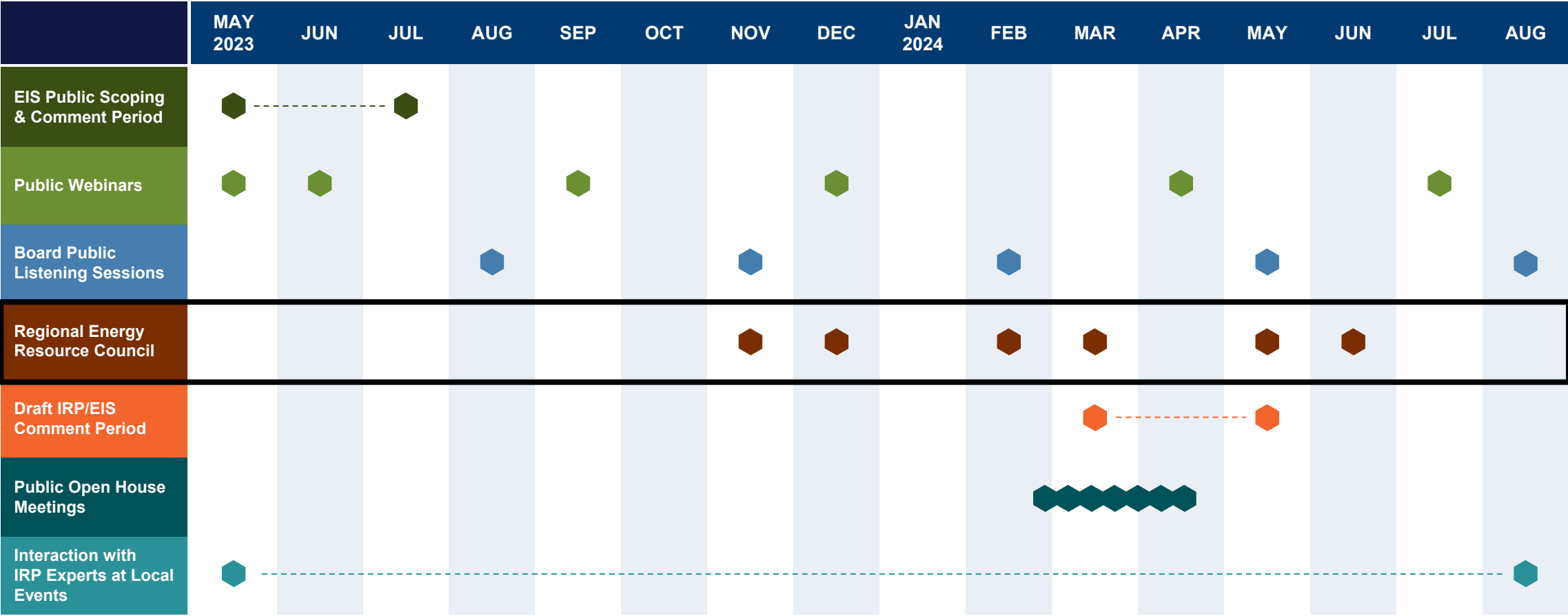
# IRP Public Engagement Opportunities

A key element of TVA's IRP process is to ensure public involvement and direct engagement with a diverse group of stakeholders. The 2024 IRP process is utilizing past effective engagement venues as well as leveraging several new dynamics and initiatives.



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# IRP Stakeholder Input Opportunities / Public Outreach Tools



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# Opportunities for the Public to Stay Involved

- TVA Website [www.tva.gov/IRP](http://www.tva.gov/IRP).
- Attend future periodic public educational webinars.
- Add email to the IRP mailing list at [www.tva.gov/IRP](http://www.tva.gov/IRP) to be notified when documents are released.
- Submit comments on the Draft IRP/EIS Report, expected to be available in spring 2024.



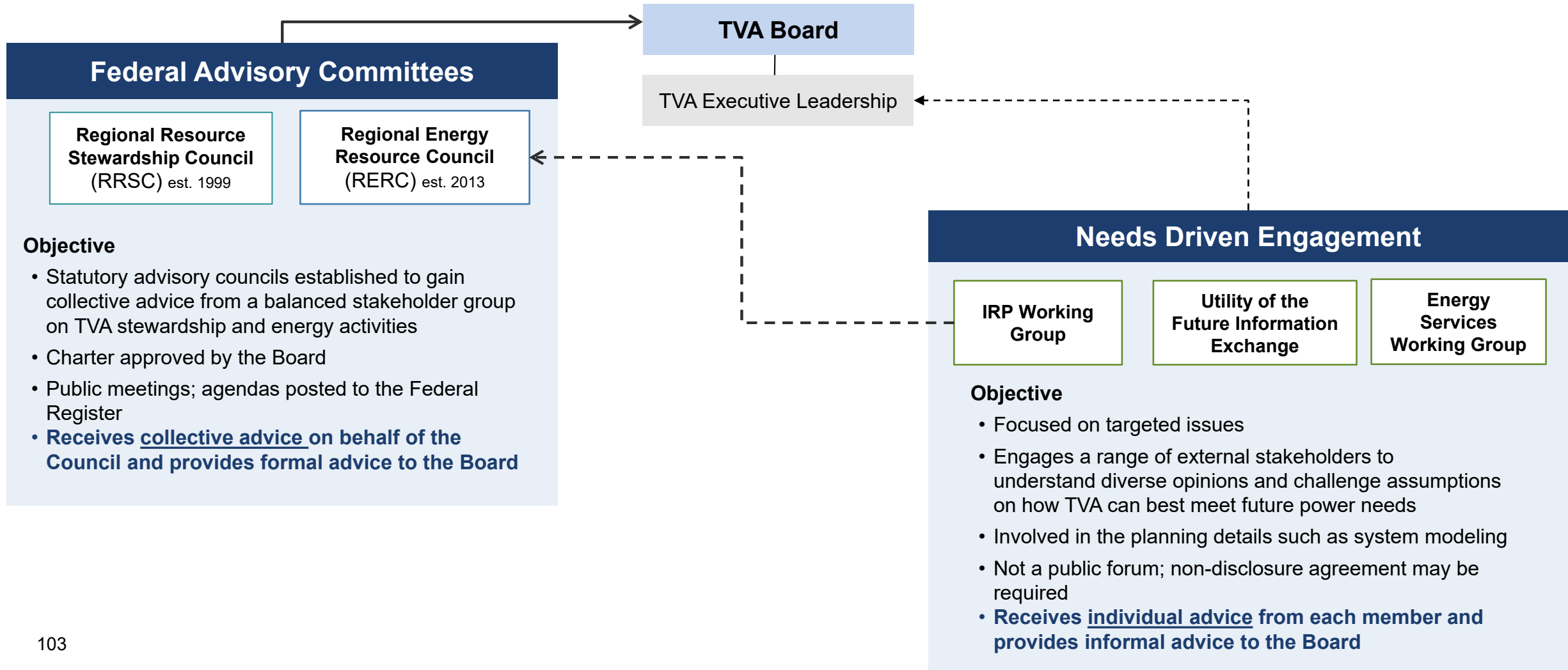
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# Role of the RERC

Melanie Farrell; Vice President, External Strategy and Regulatory Oversight

# Structured TVA Stakeholder Engagements

The following describes the objectives of TVA's Federal Advisory Committees versus other needs driven stakeholder engagements and the respective differences in advisement to TVA Executive Leadership and the TVA Board of Directors.



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# 2024 IRP Working Group

Diverse representation creates support and credibility for TVA's long-term resource plans

Eight customer representatives, including:

- Three Local Power Companies (LPCs)
- Five customer associations

16 stakeholder representatives, including:

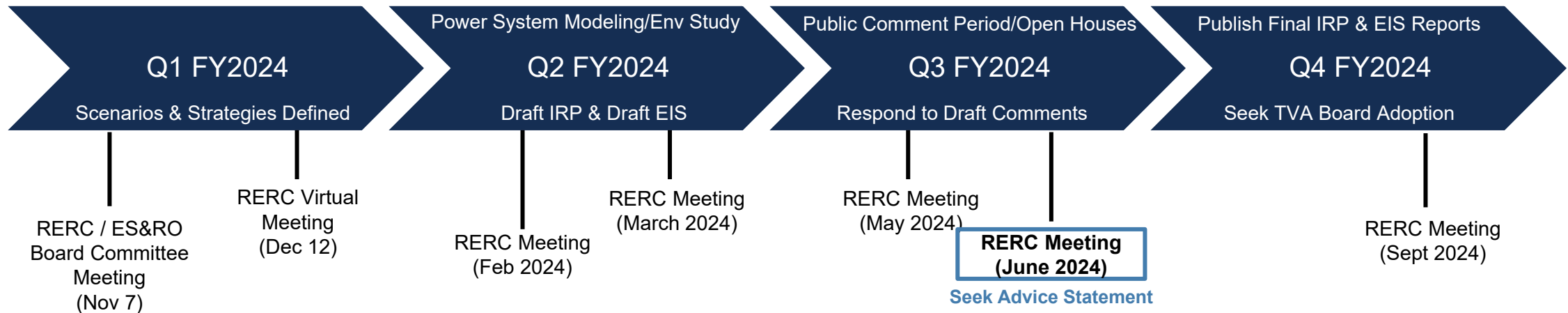
- Three research and/or academic institutions
- Three energy and/or environmental non-governmental organizations
- Four state and/or federal government
- Six representing community, sustainability, and/or other special interests





# Role of RERC in TVA's Integrated Resource Plan

- Objective of RERC - Provide TVA advice on its energy resource activities and the priorities among competing objectives and values. The advice of the Council is reported to TVA Board's External Stakeholders and Regulation Committee.
- TVA staff will provide updates to the RERC throughout the development of the IRP.
- The RERC will be asked to provide a consensus advice statement on the final version of the IRP.



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# Wrap Up

Brian Child; Vice President, Enterprise Planning

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# 2024 Integrated Resource Plan

- Collaboration with stakeholders to envision the generation needs of the future.
- Based on a least-cost planning framework.
- Provides foundation for developing long-range financial plans.
- Considers a number of potential futures to help predict changes in the marketplace.



The IRP functions like a compass, not a GPS

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# What TVA's IRP Does

## The IRP will:

- Use least-cost planning criteria
- Incorporate resource capital, operating, fuel, and environmental compliance costs
- Include Valley economics as key criteria to evaluate strategies
- Evaluate socioeconomic and climate impacts of alternative strategies in the associated EIS

## The IRP will not:

- Establish wholesale or retail electricity rates
- Identify specific sites for new resources
- Be a Distribution Integrated Resource Plan (DIRP)

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# Questions?

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# BREAK

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# Public Comment

**This is a listening  
session; responses  
are typically not  
provided**



**Thank You**



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# TVA's Energy System of the Future:

## What is important to each stakeholder?

**Thank You**

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# Next RERC Meetings

**December 12, 2023    Virtual    2:00 – 3:30 pm Eastern**

**IRP Scenarios and Modeling**

**Jan 17-18, 2024 Joint Meeting RERC and RRSC**

**Advice on Valley Pathways Study**

**Knoxville**

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# Adjourn

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