

## ENSURING AN AFFORDABLE, TRANSPARENT, AND ACCOUNTABLE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

The Tennessee Valley Authority is vitally important to the Southeast. TVA is not only the **largest federally owned electric utility**, but it also manages everything from flood control to river navigation that is critical to the nation's supply chains, and provides recreation access and economic development for the region.

Congress has a responsibility to ensure that **TVA continues to be owned by the people** and continues to responsibly provide affordable, safe, and reliable electricity throughout the region. Additionally, lawmakers must ensure that TVA and its board are **transparent and accountable to the people** who pay for the services TVA provides, which will strengthen the public power model.

In an effort to meet this responsibility, all elected officials should lead and support policies to:

1. **Retain public ownership** of TVA assets, including power generation and transmission, and public lands.
2. Ensure that the salaries of the TVA CEO and other high-paid TVA employees are **transparent to the public** and reported directly to Congress.
3. Ensure TVA board members have **experience in relevant industries**; are committed to prioritizing health, safety and reliability for ratepayers; reflect and embody the diversity of the people of the Valley; and lead the Valley with **character and integrity**.
4. **Improve TVA transparency** by:
  - a. Requiring **advanced notice** of TVA board and board committee meetings (at least six days), and requiring those meetings to be open to the public.
  - b. Requiring board and board committee agendas to be made public in advance of the meeting, and requiring meeting minutes and listening session transcripts to be posted publicly within 60 days of the meeting.

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5. Establish an **Office of Public Participation** for TVA to engage with the public through direct outreach and education and to solicit broader public participation in issues affecting the Valley.
6. Require a **meaningful and open public engagement process** for TVA's integrated resource planning, with opportunities for intervention, discovery, filed comments and an evidentiary hearing.
7. Require TVA to **make standard energy planning information transparent** to intervening parties.
8. Require TVA to include consideration of **resilience and extreme weather risk** in its integrated resource plans.

Additionally, elected officials should **oppose** efforts by the TVA Board, the federal government, or Congress to force the sale of TVA assets or outsource ownership of TVA assets to private entities.



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