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Public Comments

Tennessee Valley Authority
Melton Hill Reservoir

Name: Carolyn Dunby

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Phone: 865-945-3281

Comments (please use the space below):

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February 13, 2002

Mr. Scott Ledford
2009 Grubb Road
Lenoir City, TN 37771

Dear Mr. Ledford:

I am writing this letter in regard to the installation of a Raw Water Intake Structure on Bull Run Creek of Melton Hill Lake off New Henderson Road. I am sure that you have received many letters outlining key concerns of this facility, of which I totally agree.

The residents of Anderson County use this area for fishing, swimming, boating, watching their children wading, wildlife observation, quietly sitting in their yards enjoying the natural beauty, or a baptism from one of the local churches. We have worked hard and continue working to keep the Park/Recreation Area clean and useful for all. The majority of homes in this area range from \$250,000.00 to \$400,000.00 dollars and this facility would drastically reduce their value. Hallsdale Powell Utility District had this parcel of land condemned and took ownership of it. The owners of this land had planned in the future to build a home on their property, which now what is left is worthless.

There is not one person that I have spoke with that would not what people to have water, but there are other sites that could be used and not ever affect anyone.

I humbly request that you will use not only laws, but also your heart in the evaluation of this facility.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Ownby

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Name: Robert Pack

Address: 103 Gade Ln
Powell TN 37849

Phone: 945-5732

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Thanks Robert Pack

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Name:

Joseph Clay Parde

Address:

425 Spring St

Clinton TN 37716

Phone:

463-8639

Comments (please use the space below):

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Knox County should use Knox County water. Just because they've ruined their water, they shouldn't take ours! This intake plant is a monstrously bad idea, and on par with voting for Victor Ashe.

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Name: Kathleen Terry Pardo

Address: 114 Rose Marie Ln.

Clinton TN 37710

Phone: 945-3727

Comments (please use the space below):

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I have swam in this lake my whole life. I got married next to it. I love this lake. I hope you won't take away this great joy from future generations.

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STEVE PARKER

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3329 BYINGTON BEAVER RIDGE RD.

KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

Phone:

470-7187

Comments (please use the space below):

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MY CHIEF CONCERNS ARE - SAFETY, NOISE + WATER LEVEL.

- THE STANDARDS (AMBIENT LEVEL) WHICH WERE USED FOR THIS PERMIT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE REALISTIC.

- THIS FACILITY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DIMINISH OTHERS' ENJOYMENT OF THE AREA BECAUSE OF LOWERED WATER LEVELS.

- THE SAFETY OF THOSE AT THE NEARBY PUBLIC ACCESS OR OTHERS USING THE LAKE IN THIS AREA SHOULD BE OF UTMOST CONCERN.


1-28-02

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Chairman Anderson County
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 Commissioner

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CLINTON, TN 37714

Phone: 945-3344 - 5740305

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I have one major concern
 noise. you know I know
 800 Hp motors. Bad news.
 now tell me how you can kill
 the sound and what is your
 plans. I'll fight you if needed

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Public Comments

Tennessee Valley Authority
Melton Hill Reservoir

Name: SCOTT & ANN SEAMAN

Address: 134 HENDERSON BOND RD

KNOXVILLE, TN 37931

Phone: 865-945-3780

Comments (please use the space below):

I am strongly opposed to this permit!!

Please see attached

I'm very concerned about effect on property values. I find it hard to believe that you would locate this intake in the middle of a neighborhood community. This location is right in the center of the homes on this area of the lake. Our property values will go down!!! I am also concerned about noise levels - No one can give us a straight answer relative to the noise that will be generated by the pumps.

Scott Seaman

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Ledford, W Scott

From: Scott Seaman [scottseaman@LWGroup.com]
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2002 5:11 PM
To: 'wsledford@tva.gov'
Subject: Melton Hill Resvoir Water Intake @ Bull Run Creek

Scott:

I mailed in my written comments yesterday, but just in case they didn't get to you by today I wanted to send this via email.

I am strongly opposed to the above proposed water intake. I am surprised that this property located in the middle of a lake front community would even be considered as an appropriate location for this water intake. I am sure that no one that is considering this proposed permit within TVA or HPUD or the engineers would like this located across from or next to or right down from their lake home. This facility will dramatically decrease property values of all the resident on the Bull Run Creek. When we purchased land and built an over \$300K home we never imagined that a facility like this could be built near our subdivision.

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Also, what are the controls in place to control the quality of the structure, the architectural design, the landscaping, the noise levels the appearance of signage etc. ? It could be an albatross. I am very concerned and opposed to this structure.

Thank you,
Scott & Ann Seaman
134 Henderson Bend Road
Knoxville, TN 37931
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Public Comments

Tennessee Valley Authority
Melton Hill Reservoir

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Name: Curtis G. Stair

Address: 222 TRACY Allison Ln Apt B

Clinton, TN 37916

Phone: 865-945-2955

Comments (please use the space below):

Please see attached

By allowing a water treatment plant to be put in our residential area. The community will suffer with noise and pollution and unwanted traffic. The environmental impact will be devastating. I moved to this area for its beauty and quiet. If a water plant is allowed so close to our home the quiet and noise will be devastated. Please consider an alternative site as stated in the letter. One that will not ruin the beauty here in our small quiet community.

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Public Comments

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Name:

V. D. Stoncipher

Address:

318 Powderhouse Road

Clinton, In. 37716

Phone:

(865) 457-4494

Comments (please use the space below):

TVA should conduct a public forum to hear from all of the people in the area and their concerns relating to the proposed intake facility. I think it is ironic that two utility districts would have facilities in the same area. Either share or have both in the same area and environmental issues would be minimal.

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Public Comments

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Name:

Carolyn Terry

Address:

114 Rose Marie Ln

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Phone:

945-3727

Comments (please use the space below):

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Name: Eddie and Ann Weaver

Address: 160 Walker Circle

Clinton, TN 37716

Phone: 945-5837

Comments (please use the space below):

It is our understanding that HPUD has been granted a permit to
Please see attached

I suggest the area where the existing water intake plant is presently located because this area has filled in over the years to cause the water level to be much lower. There is a great deal of wildlife in this area which needs to be sustained. We would like to see this option carried out + utilize what is already there, thus eliminating the need for a new water intake plant.

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Public Comments

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Name: Mike + Sherry Williams

Address: 160 + 170 Creek Rd

Powell, TN 37849

Phone: (865) 945-5848

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February 9, 2002

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We have lived on the corner of Creek Rd. and New Henderson Rd. for 8+ years. The average water level is NOT 10 to 12 feet deep. With a depth finder on our boat, monitoring the levels as we fished all year round, we found that the average depth is about 5 to 6 feet. Only the center "old creek bed" of the area is maybe 8 to 10 feet. This part is located on the opposite bank rather than the proposed site for the water intake facility. Under drought conditions the average depth is even less. Our docked boats are usually beached until the next rainfall because there is not enough water to make our shoreline deep enough to float a boat without dragging bottom. We fear a loss of water will turn our community water way into a muddy and barren shoreline; hence, an undesirable place to be enjoyed.

Reduction of water flow (8+ million gallons a day being pumped out) and the underwater pipelines used in drawing water from the creek would totally shut off all water travel (under the bridge) to and from the main body of Melton Hill Lake for the community located on the upper end of Bull Run creek. With 800 horse powered engines pulling water out from the under the water surface, no human or animal would be safe within several hundred yards of the water intake facility.

Recreation access for the public boat launch would be a safety hazard to all visitors. This area is used more for family picnics, fishing, lounging, "put in" for personal motorized watercraft, small fishing boats and non-engine powered devices. This area is best for the smaller water traffic because the bridge is too low for bigger vessels to pass under. If a water plant were installed, this area would not be safe for any water activities for human or any wildlife that live here.

The only access to drinking water we have to our property is a community well shared by 2 residential homes. We fear that disruption of the local environment (blasting, digging, etc.) could possibly destroy or contaminate our only access to drinking water. We are very upset to know that this water intake plant will supply families in Knox County with water when, as residents of Anderson County, we **cannot** get water to our homes. We would have to move if our only well water supply is destroyed or contaminated. Our property restrictions (1 well per 3 acres) limit the number of wells that can be drilled.

Increased noise pollution, which already has a substantial presence at times, is a great concern. Most of the noise pollution we already endure is not constant such as, The Bull Run Steam plant has a regular maintenance schedule of a loud roaring sound. We are surrounded with traffic noise pollution on both New Henderson and Creek Rd. due to public traffic and boat traffic at the boat launch during day and evening hours. A loose joint in the bridge that makes a loud double bang when vehicles cross the bridge.

But a constant engine running would all but put the noise pollution level in our area over the limit of "peace & quiet"!

We strongly oppose the location of the water intake facility and want to support our community by voicing our objections. Our homes are located closer than any of our neighbors' and we will receive the hugest and most lasting impact from the proposed project. This project completely surrounds our property from step 1 of construction to many years after completion.

Sincerely,

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945-5848