

Charter of the Regional Resource Stewardship Council

(Eighth Term)

1. **Committee's Official Designation.** Regional Resource Stewardship Council (the Council).
2. **Authority.** The Council is a discretionary advisory committee established under the authority of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) 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 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. As the region has developed and the population grown, the stewardship of its natural resources has become both more complex and more important. TVA has always cooperated and worked closely with other public agencies and private entities that have responsibilities for and interest in the use and conservation of the region's natural resources. As competition for finite resources grows, fulfilling TVA's integrated resource stewardship mission will require increased cooperation with these other public agencies and private entities. 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 the public agencies and private entities involved in and affecting natural resources stewardship. Accordingly, TVA establishes the Regional Resource Stewardship Council to provide TVA advice on its stewardship activities and the priorities among competing objectives and values. TVA's stewardship activities include the operation of its dams and reservoirs, its responsibilities for navigation and flood control, the management of the lands in its custody, water quality, wildlife, and recreation.
4. **Description of Duties.** In accordance with the Tennessee Valley Authority Act of 1933 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the purpose of the Council is to provide advice only, and TVA retains sole responsibility for the management and operation of its stewardship activities and for all decisions regarding matters under consideration by the Council.
5. **Agency or Official to Whom the Council Reports.** The Council reports its advice to the committee of the TVA Board of Directors having responsibility for natural resources stewardship.
6. **Support.** TVA shall provide the Council 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 Council with appropriate clerical support as needed. TVA shall provide such additional funding as reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes for which the Council was created and shall provide any further guidelines and management controls as may be necessary to further the objectives of the Council.
7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.** The estimated annual operating costs of the Council 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 Council, 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 Council's meetings and any meetings of subcommittees, approve the agenda for each meeting, attend all meetings of the Council and its subcommittees, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the TVA Board of Directors or its designee.

- 9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.** The Council shall meet approximately twice annually at the call of the DFO in concurrence with the Chair of the Council.
- 10. Duration.** The Council is expected to be needed on a continuing basis.
- 11. Termination.** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Council will terminate no more than two years from the effective date of this charter unless it is renewed.
- 12. Membership and Designation.** Members of the Council shall be considered representatives of the group, organization, or other entity identified by TVA in making the appointment. The Council shall consist of up to 20 members appointed by TVA. All members of the Council shall be persons possessing demonstrated professional or personal qualifications relevant to achieving TVA's stewardship mission. The TVA Board of Directors, or its designee, shall ensure that the membership of the Council is balanced and that it represents and includes a broad range of diverse views and interests, including recreational, environmental, industrial, business, consumer, educational, and community leadership interests.

The Governors of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia will each be asked to nominate a member to the Council, taking into account the need for a balanced and diverse membership.

TVA shall appoint seven members nominated by the Governors and shall appoint up to 13 additional members. The membership of the Council shall include at least four members representing distributors of TVA power and at least one member representing each of the following interests: a directly served customer of TVA, a beneficiary of TVA's navigation program, a beneficiary of TVA's flood control program, a recreational interest, and an environmental interest. TVA will appoint up to four additional members to ensure a balanced representation of a broad range of views.

Each member shall be appointed for a term of two years. Whenever a vacancy occurs, TVA may appoint a replacement for the remainder of the applicable term. TVA shall designate one Council member as Council Chair.

Each member shall serve without compensation and shall not be considered an employee of TVA. However, members shall be entitled to appropriate reimbursement for travel and subsistence expenses which are incurred in connection with the attendance of Council meetings or otherwise incurred while engaged in the performance of Council duties and approved by TVA.

- 13. Subcommittees.** TVA will create any subcommittees which may be necessary to fulfill the Council's mission. Any subcommittees created must report back to the Council, and shall not provide advice or work products directly to the agency.

14. Recordkeeping. The records of the Council, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Council shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

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