

Dear ATVG members and friends;

I want to welcome you to the Association of Tennessee Valley Governments (ATVG). We are a not-for-profit 501© (4) corporation chartered in 1981. Our primary purpose is to improve communication and understanding between local governments and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). With nearly 1,000 local governments being served by TVA, we strive to advocate on behalf of our membership. ATVG represents local governments in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

In the past several years, ATVG has studied and often taken an active role in issues related to:

- 1) TVA's Integrated Resource Plan
- 2) Emergency Management Preparedness
- 3) Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMR)
- 4) Tax Equivalent Payments
- 5) Economic Impacts of closing coal facilities and conversion to natural gas plants
- 6) Selection of TVA's Board of Directors
- 7) Restructuring Park and Recreation Marine Contracts
- 8) Start-up of Watts Bar Unit 2 nuclear reactor (first unit operating in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the nation)
- 9) Addition of flood control provision at various dams
- 10) Addressing invasive gasses and aquatic life in the TVA reservoirs
- 11) Importance of Chickamauga Lock replacement
- 12) Purchasing of coal and natural gas from within the valley

ATVG meets quarterly within the TVA region for educational sessions and to conduct the organization's business affairs.

We recognize TVA as a major economic driver within our communities through their role as the provider of reliable, reasonably priced power, along with economic development initiatives for recreation and industrial activities. We further recognize TVA must be an active environmental steward of our natural resources.

ATVG will continue to advocate policies for our local governments and communities. We recognize that we can both support and be in opposition to various TVA policies; while fully understanding that it is through our education on the issues that we all make better decisions.

Learn more about ATVG at [www.atvg.org](http://www.atvg.org) including information on our quarterly meetings.

Sincerely,

Don Stisher  
2016 ATVG President  
Morgan County Alabama Commissioner