



Dear ATVG members and friends,

I want to welcome you to the Association of Tennessee Valley Governments (ATVG). We are a not-for-profit 501c (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.

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 to local governments
- 5) Economic Impacts of closing coal facilities and conversion to natural gas plants
- 6) Confirmation of TVA's Board of Directors
- 7) Restructuring Park and Recreation Marine Contracts
- 8) Start-up of Watts Bar Unit 2 nuclear reactor
- 9) TVA's Economic Development Activities
- 10) Addressing invasive aquatic life in the TVA reservoirs
- 11) Importance of Chickamauga and Kentucky Lock replacement.
- 12) Purchasing of coal and natural gas from within the valley
- 13) Future use of the Bellefonte site
- 14) TVA's Solar Strategy Initiative

ATVG meets quarterly within the TVA region for educational sessions and to conduct the organization's business affairs. This year we will meet in Murfreesboro, TN in January, in Tunica, MS in April, in Huntsville, AL in July and in Gatlinburg, TN in October.

We recognize TVA as a major economic driver within our communities through its 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 including information on our quarterly meetings.

Sincerely,

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