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Attention: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

To Whom It May Concern:

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is a federally owned corporation created by Congressional Act on May 18, 1933, to provide navigation, flood control, electricity generation, fertilizer manufacturing, and economic development to the Tennessee Valley, a region particularly affected by the Great Depression.

TVA is the nation's largest public power agency and provides power to more than 9 million people through 154 local power companies and 56 direct-serve customers. Its electric service area of 80,000 square miles covers most of Tennessee, portions of Alabama, Mississippi, and Kentucky, and parts of Georgia, North Carolina, and Virginia. TVA manages a balanced generation portfolio with nuclear, coal, natural gas, hydro, and renewable resources and energy efficiency and demand response programs with a total generating capacity of approximately 34,000 megawatts. With a statutory requirement to supply electricity at the lowest feasible cost, TVA is keenly interested in the efficient, cost-effective, and reliable transportation of coal (and other commodities) to meet its generating needs.

I am writing to nominate David L. Owens to represent our industry as one of the five electric utility members of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC). Mr. Owens is the Vice President of Coal & Gas Services (CGS) at TVA, and is responsible for the management of supply and transportation of all fuels for TVA's fossil plants. In his role as the Vice President of C&GS, Mr. Owens has extensive experience in rail transportation matters and has managed numerous railroad-related issues that had the potential to impact the reliability of TVA's coal-fired generating assets. For many years now, TVA has utilized coal from the Powder River Basin, the Illinois Basin as well as the Central Appalachian region, and TVA has engaged the services of numerous rail transportation providers to deliver the coal from these areas to TVA's facilities. I believe Mr. Owens' perspective on the adequacy and impact of rail service on electricity consumers will be of benefit to the Committee.

I submit that Mr. Owens is uniquely and ideally suited to provide insight to RETAC and the Surface Transportation Board regarding the rail energy issues of interest to the electric utility industry, including but not limited to utilities operating in and serving customers in the southeast region of the United States. His biography includes details about his expertise.

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Mr. Owens has agreed to his nomination and can be reached at Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, dlowens@tva.gov, 865-632-8242.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Sorrick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David W. Sorrick
Senior Vice President
Power Operations

Enclosure

David Owens, VP, Coal & Gas Services



David Owens joined TVA in April 2011 as Vice President, Strategic Planning & Forecasting. In January 2012, he was named Vice President of Coal & Gas Services and is responsible for coal supply & origination, coal logistics, fuel oil supply, gas supply & origination, financial hedging and commercial processes & assurance.

Prior to Owens employment with TVA, he held the position of managing director of Americas, Commodity Sales/Origination/Structuring for Bank of America Merrill Lynch Commodities in Houston, TX. During his 14 years at Bank of America Merrill Lynch (including predecessor companies Koch Energy Trading, Entergy-Koch and Merrill Lynch Commodities), he was involved in private equity (managing partner for Merrill Lynch Commodity Partners), power asset development, mergers and acquisitions, power origination and deal structuring.

Owens previously held positions as director of business development at Duke Power Company, Manager and Associate for Deloitte & Touche Consulting (energy practice) and senior consultant for Energy Management Associates (power system planning software and support).

Owens was also a drilling engineer for Exxon where he planned, executed and evaluated the drilling of oil and gas wells in southeast Texas.

David has an MBA in finance from the University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business and a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.