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TVA and Commonwealth of Kentucky sign pact on energy resources

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Tennessee Valley Authority and the Commonwealth of Kentucky are pledging to work together to ensure a clean, reliable and affordable energy supply over the next decade.

TVA officials recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the state's Energy and Environment Cabinet committing both agencies to a list of goals for the development and use of energy resources through 2020.

"This agreement is an example of our long-term commitment to providing clean and renewable energy sources to the Tennessee Valley," said TVA Senior Vice President of Environment and Research Anda Ray. "This effort is important not only to the environment, but to the region's economy and the welfare and quality of life for the residents of Kentucky."

The memorandum reaffirms TVA's goal of reducing peak electricity demand on its system by up to 1,400 megawatts by 2012 and to generate at least 50 percent of its electricity from clean energy resources by 2020. TVA also pledges to continue programs such as Green Power Switch, Energy Auditing and to keep working on more programs that are mutually beneficial to the state and TVA.

Kentucky's EEC agrees to work with other state agencies to promote clean energy resources through expedited permitting of such energy-resource projects; to promote and establish requirements and incentives for construction of energy-efficient homes, businesses and industries; support the development of infrastructure for alternative-fueled and electric vehicles; and to assist local governments and small businesses in improving energy efficiency of existing buildings.

"This agreement works hand in hand with Kentucky's seven-point strategy for energy efficiency and will help us work with TVA in bringing about energy and environmental

changes that will better serve the public," said Energy and Environment Secretary Len Peters.

Both parties also agree to work together to educate the public, including teachers and students, about the prudent use and conservation of energy.

The agencies will also produce an inventory of renewable energy resources in Kentucky. The state will participate in TVA's process to upgrade its integrated resource plan to explore future energy and resource stewardship needs across the valley.

As part of the process, TVA will hold public meetings around the state to enhance public involvement as well as an annual public meeting on the development and use of energy resources.

TVA is the nation's largest public power provider and is completely self-financing. TVA provides power to large industries and 158 power distributors that serve approximately 9 million consumers in seven southeastern states, including 225,000 households in Kentucky. TVA also creates economic development opportunities and manages the Tennessee River and its tributaries to provide multiple benefits, including flood damage reduction, navigation, water quality and recreation.

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