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RE: Potential sale of Bellefonte site

Dear Ms. Quirk,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments for the TVA Board of Directors to review as they consider the possible sale of the Bellefonte site near Hollywood, Alabama at their May 5, 2016 meeting. We request consideration of additional comments to supplement our March 18, 2016 formal comments, also attached. (Available at: http://www.cleanenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/SACEComments_Bellefontesale_031816.pdf.)

As a committed stakeholder in TVA, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy invested significant time and resources in engaging with TVA staff and executives on the development of the 2015 Integrated Resource Plan and I continue to be an active member of the Regional Energy Resource Council (RERC) and participated in today's RERC webinar on the possible sale of the Bellefonte site.

With support from the Alabama Rivers Alliance, our additional recommendations are as follows:

- **Retain ownership of waterfront acreage along Bellefonte site.** TVA's primary mission is to protect the Tennessee River system from degradation. Retaining this property under TVA's management and oversight provides an excellent opportunity for the Board to make a decision to efficiently maintain control of this critical riparian and wetland acreage at the Bellefonte site that will benefit current and future generations.
- **Maintain possession of the existing switchyard and transmission interconnections.** TVA should maintain ownership of the switchyard and transmission interconnections to be able to pursue renewable energy applications and energy storage and development opportunities. TVA ratepayers have already invested in those assets, which can provide future economic development opportunities for northeast Alabama, and these activities would not be detrimental to the Tennessee River ecosystem.
- **Carefully control what type of development occurs to ensure it is compatible with TVA's environmental stewardship principles.** SACE is agnostic on whether the rest of the site should be sold or retained by TVA. If sold for economic development purposes, TVA should carefully control what type of development occurs to ensure any activities pursued by future owners are compatible with TVA's environmental stewardship principles.

We reiterate our earlier request that TVA notify the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and formally request the termination and revocation of the Construction Permit for the Bellefonte Units 1 and 2 and provide confirmation to the public that this has been completed. Any remaining outstanding proceedings and procedures occurring at the Bellefonte site with the NRC should also be formally terminated.

In conclusion, SACE encourages the TVA Board to seize this opportunity to provide northeastern Alabama with exciting choices for the future, choices that reflect the creative innovation of the 21st Century. Choosing to use this site to continue the use of outdated, polluting, water-intensive energy technologies, such as nuclear power and fossil-fueled power plants, lacks vision and fails to tap into the potential of this region. Given the reported infrastructure available at the 1600-acre site, it could provide a wealth of opportunities for clean energy technologies.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on this proposal that could provide an innovative, exciting future for not only northeastern Alabama, but also the southeastern region of the U.S. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like to discuss our recommendations further.

Sincerely,

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