



Energy Burden

Energy bills can be affordable.

Tennessee needs real energy burden solutions.

We can lower bills, create jobs, and make homes more comfortable when utilities invest in energy efficiency programs that work for everyone. Fair pricing that rewards efforts to save energy is essential. "High Energy Burden" is when the percentage of household income that goes towards energy costs is over 6%. In the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) service area, the average burden is a whopping 12.6%. Low-income households use 10% less energy than average, but their energy burdens can be 3 times higher, forcing choices no one should have to make between keeping the lights on, food, or medicine.

Clean Energy

Tennessee has the potential to lead the Southeast on solar installations to create jobs and lower bills.

Tennessee has substantial solar energy potential, and TVA should be leading the way on renewable solar energy with a goal of at least 5,000 megawatts of solar by 2021.

To get there, we need solar policies that fairly value solar and allow individuals, businesses, and local utilities to choose this low-cost, clean, and renewable energy source. The Southeast has been experiencing exponential solar growth in the past five years and is anticipated to have 15,000 megawatts - by 2021. However, Tennessee is currently projected to come in dead last among its regional peers in solar capacity per customer by 2021.

Public Power

Utilities must provide all with reliable service at the lowest possible cost, held accountable by transparency and participation in decision-making.

It's time to put the public back in public power.

Tennessee's electric utilities are supposed to be public, run by and for the people, and not for profit. Customers have a right to fair prices, that are set transparently, based on actual costs of providing service, and allocated fairly between electricity users. Fixed fees should be clearly listed on bills and only reflect the minimal costs that are actually related to keeping a customer connected. Efforts to save energy and reduce pollution should be rewarded, and customers should have a say in executive compensation, energy generation resources, and other utility choices.

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