

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 77

By Butler

A RESOLUTION to commend ongoing efforts to facilitate additional power generation capacity by TVA-affiliated distributors.

WHEREAS, created in 1933 by the Tennessee Valley Authority Act, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), a corporate agency of the United States, is the wholesale power provider for 154 local power companies that distribute electricity to homes, businesses, and industry across seven states, including the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, TVA is the wholesale power provider for virtually all of Tennessee's ninety-five counties; in the State of Tennessee, TVA power is delivered by twenty-two electric membership cooperatives and sixty municipal power companies that provide power to 2.9 million households and 487,000 commercial and industrial customers; and

WHEREAS, in an unprecedented event on December 23-24, 2022, during Winter Storm Elliott, many Tennessee residents, businesses, and industries experienced power interruptions conducted by local power providers, as required by TVA to support electrical grid stability; and

WHEREAS, extreme widespread cold weather resulted in record-high power demands; power interruptions were necessary to preserve electrical grid stability due to lower than expected TVA generation production, higher than expected need for electricity, and decreased availability of power market purchases; and

WHEREAS, distributors that purchase their power requirements from TVA may deploy their own energy resources to produce their own power in total capacity amount not to exceed ten percent of the distributor's energy demand; and

WHEREAS, empowering distributors to provide additional generation capacity will stimulate the local economy through jobs while strengthening the ability to continue providing dependable, reliable, and economically feasible electric service to the State's vibrant and growing economy, supporting Tennessee's residents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly commends ongoing efforts to facilitate additional power generation capacity by TVA-affiliated distributors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the TVA Board of Directors.