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In Support of Continuing the Tennessee Valley Authority’s Mission

1 The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) provides power to 153 public power utilities and rural
2 electric cooperatives serving more than 10 million people in Tennessee and parts of six surrounding
3 states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina and Virginia. It was established by
4 Congress in 1933 to provide rural electrification, economic development, flood control, and
5 navigation along the Tennessee River, services that continue to this day. For over 90 years, TVA and
6 its not-for-profit customers working together have provided valuable energy and infrastructure
7 services that have helped to lay the foundation for economic development across the region and
8 nation.

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10 Presidents from both parties have periodically proposed divestiture of TVA or its assets to raise federal
11 revenue. These proposals are often based on incorrect assumptions. While TVA was originally established
12 as a federal entity funded entirely by congressional appropriations, it ceased receiving money from the
13 federal government in 1959. Since then, TVA has been fully funded through electric sales and power bond
14 financing. Selling TVA, in whole or in part, would position the federal government to profit off the backs
15 of the investments made by the ratepayers of the Tennessee Valley for over six decades.

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17 From rural electrification to the deployment of advanced energy technologies, TVA for over 90 years has
18 continually reformed itself to respond to the changing needs of its customers and the communities they
19 serve. TVA and its partnerships with not-for-profit public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives is
20 a proven model for providing the affordable and reliable energy necessary for the region and country to
21 prosper.

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the American Public Power Association (APPA)
24 supports continuing the Tennessee Valley Authority’s (TVA) mission to provide electricity, economic
25 development, flood control, and environmental stewardship on a not-for-profit basis in the states of
26 Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi and Georgia; and

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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That APPA opposes the divestiture of TVA, which would position the
29 federal government to profit off the backs of TVA ratepayers; and

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31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That APPA encourages TVA to continue to strengthen communication
32 with its not-for-profit public power customers and the communities they serve to ensure the continued
33 success of the partnership model.