

office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEAMER-2018-51 and should be submitted on or before December 21, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>18</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
Assistant Secretary.

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

### Office of Environmental Analysis

[Finance Docket 36095]

#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) for Palmetto Railways Camp Hall Rail Line

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board (Board) Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), joint lead agencies; U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), cooperating agencies.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of the Draft EA on November 30, 2018 and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On August 3, 2017, Palmetto Railways (Applicant) filed an exemption petition with the Board pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502 to construct and operate approximately 28 miles of new rail line between the Cross Subdivision of CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) rail network near the Santee Cooper Cross Generating Station and the Camp Hall Commerce Park in Berkeley County, South Carolina. Implementation of the proposed rail line would bring industrial rail service to the Volvo Cars facility, as well as areas being developed by Santee Cooper. FRA and the Coast Guard are cooperating agencies in the preparation of this Draft EA pursuant to CEQ NEPA implementing regulations (40 CFR 1501.6).

The purpose of this Notice of Availability (NOA) is to notify individuals and agencies interested in or affected by the proposed action of the availability of the Draft EA for review

and comment on November 30, 2018. The Draft EA analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives, including the no-action alternative. The Draft EA addresses environmental issues and concerns identified during the scoping process. It also contains OEA's preliminary recommendations for environmental mitigation measures, and Palmetto Railways' voluntary mitigation measures.

The Draft EA will be available on November 30, 2018 through the Board's website at <http://www.stb.gov> by following the decisions link, through the project website at <http://www.CampHallRailNEPA.com>, and at all public libraries in Berkeley County, South Carolina.

**Next Steps:** Following the close of the 30-day comment period on December 30, 2018 of the Draft EA, OEA, the Corps, and the cooperating agencies will issue a Final EA that considers comments on the Draft EA. The Board will then issue a final decision based on the Draft and Final EAs and all public and agency comments in the public record for this proceeding. The final decision will address the transportation merits of the proposed project and the entire environmental record. That final decision will take one of three actions: Approve the proposed project, deny it, or approve it with mitigation conditions, including environmental conditions.

**Written Comments:** Any interested party may submit written comments on the Draft EA. The procedures for submitting written comments are outlined below:

**ADDRESSES:** Please mail written comments on the Draft EA and the recommended environmental mitigation to: Ms. Diana Wood, Surface Transportation Board, Docket No. FD 36095, c/o ICF, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031. Electronic comments on this Draft EA may also be submitted electronically on the joint lead agencies' project website (<http://www.CampHallRailNepa.com>) or emailed to [CampHallRailLineNEPA@icf.com](mailto:CampHallRailLineNEPA@icf.com). Please refer to Docket No. FD 36095 in all correspondence, including electronic, addressed to the joint lead agencies.

**DATES:** The EA will be available for public review and comment on November 30, 2018. Mailed comments must be postmarked by December 30, 2018. Electronic comments must be received by December 30, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Wood, Surface Transportation

Board, Docket No. FD 36095, c/o ICF, 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031.

Dated: November 15, 2018.

By the Board, Victoria Ruston, Director, Office of Environmental Analysis.

**Jeffrey Herzig,**  
Clearance Clerk.

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Meeting of the Regional Energy Resource Council

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The TVA Regional Energy Resource Council (RERC) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, to discuss the metrics and evaluation criteria that TVA is establishing for the 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The RERC was established to advise TVA on its energy resource activities and the priority to be placed among competing objectives and values. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Downtown Knoxville, 501 Church Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, and will be open to the public. Anyone needing special access or accommodations should let the contact below know at least a week in advance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Liz Upchurch, 865-632-8305, [efupchurch@tva.gov](mailto:efupchurch@tva.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting agenda includes the following:

1. Introductions
2. Overview of the 2019 Integrated Resource Plan and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement Status
3. Overview of the Metrics and Scorecard Identified for the 2019 IRP
4. Public Comments
5. Council Discussion and Advice

The RERC will hear opinions and views of citizens by providing a public comment session starting at 10:00 a.m., EST, lasting up to one hour, on Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Persons wishing to speak are requested to register at the door between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., EST, on Tuesday, December 18, 2018, and will be called

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

on during the public comment period. TVA will set time limits for providing oral comments, once registered. Handout materials should be limited to one printed page. Written comments are also invited and may be mailed to the Regional Energy Resource Council, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT-9-D, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

Dated: November 8, 2018.

**Joseph J. Hoagland,**

*Vice President, Enterprise Relations and Innovation, Tennessee Valley Authority.*

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## TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

### Environmental Impact Statement for Allen Fossil Plant Ash Impoundment Closures

**AGENCY:** Tennessee Valley Authority.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the potential environmental effects associated with the future management of coal combustion residual (CCR) material at the Allen Fossil Plant (ALF) located in Shelby County, Tennessee, southwest of the City of Memphis. The purpose of this EIS is to support the implementation of TVA's goal to eliminate all wet CCR storage at its coal plants by closing CCR surface impoundments across the TVA system, and to assist TVA in complying with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) CCR Rule. In addition, the proposed actions would make the ALF closure area land available for future economic development projects in the greater Memphis area.

TVA will evaluate closure of the East Ash Pond Complex, the West Ash Pond, and the Metal Cleaning Pond. In addition to these closures, TVA will analyze potential location requirements and associated environmental impacts associated with construction and utilization of a proposed beneficial re-use facility to process CCR materials. TVA will also evaluate potential impacts associated with actions requiring use of permitted borrow sites and the disposal of CCR at existing offsite permitted landfills. TVA will develop and evaluate various alternatives to these actions, including the No Action Alternative. Public comments are invited concerning both the scope of the review and environmental issues that should be addressed.

**DATES:** Comments on the scope of the EIS must be received on or before January 4, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Ashley Farless, NEPA Compliance Specialist, 1101 Market Street, BR4A-C, Chattanooga, TN 37402. Comments also may be submitted online at: <https://www.tva.gov/nepa> or by email to [arfarless@tva.gov](mailto:arfarless@tva.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Other related questions should be sent to Ashley Farless, NEPA Compliance Specialist, Tennessee Valley Authority, at 423-751-2361 or [arfarless@tva.gov](mailto:arfarless@tva.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 to 1508) and TVA's procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations (36 CFR part 800).

### TVA Power System and CCR Management

TVA is a corporate agency and instrumentality of the United States created by and existing pursuant to the TVA Act of 1933 that provides electricity for business customers and local power distributors. TVA serves more than 9 million people in parts of seven southeastern states. TVA receives no taxpayer funding, deriving virtually all of its revenues from sales of electricity. In addition to operating and investing its revenues in its electric system, TVA provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system and assists local power companies and state and local governments with economic development and job creation.

Historically, TVA has managed its CCRs in wet impoundments or dry landfills. On March 31, 2018, ALF's three coal-fired units were retired. While in operation, ALF consumed approximately 7,200 tons of coal a day and produced approximately 5,160 million kilowatt-hours of electricity a year. CCR produced by the collective units included approximately 85,000 dry tons of slag and fly ash that was wet-slurried to the East Ash Pond Complex every year.

It is estimated that approximately 250,000 cubic yards (yd<sup>3</sup>) of CCR material remains in the West Ash Pond and approximately 2.7 million cubic yards (yd<sup>3</sup>) of CCR material remains in the East Ash Pond Complex. There are approximately 193,000 cubic yards of CCR in the area surrounding the Metal Cleaning Pond.

In July 2009, the TVA Board of Directors passed a resolution for staff to review TVA practices for storing CCRs at its generating facilities, including ALF, which resulted in a recommendation to convert the wet ash management system at ALF to a dry storage system. On April 17, 2015, the EPA published the final Disposal of CCRs from Electric Utilities rule, also known as the CCR Rule.

In June 2016, TVA issued a Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) that analyzed methods for closing CCR impoundments at TVA fossil plants and identified specific screening and evaluation factors to help frame its evaluation of closures at its other facilities. A Record of Decision was released in July 2016 that would allow future environmental reviews of qualifying CCR impoundment closures to tier from the PEIS. This EIS is intended to tier from the 2016 PEIS to evaluate the closure alternatives for the CCR Ash Impoundments at ALF.

### Alternatives

In addition to a No Action Alternative, this EIS will address alternatives that meet the purpose and need for the project. TVA plans to consider the following: (1) No Action, (2) closure of the Metal Cleaning Pond and closure-by-removal of the East Ash Pond Complex, the West Ash Pond and the CCR surrounding the Metal Cleaning Pond to an offsite landfill location (note that the Metal Cleaning Pond would be removed by default while removing the CCR material surrounding it), (3) closure of the Metal Cleaning Pond and closure-by-removal of the East Ash Pond Complex, the West Ash Pond and the CCR surrounding the Metal Cleaning Pond to a beneficial re-use facility & offsite landfill location (see note above in #2), and (4) closure of the Metal Cleaning Pond and closure-in-place of all CCR in the East Ash Pond Complex, the West Ash Pond and CCR surrounding the Metal Cleaning Pond.

### Proposed Resources and Issues To Be Considered

This EIS will identify the purpose and need of the project and will contain descriptions of the existing environmental and socioeconomic resources within the area that could be affected by the management of CCR at ALF. Evaluation of potential environmental impacts to these resources will include, but not be limited to, water quality, aquatic and terrestrial ecology, threatened and endangered species, wetlands, land use, historic and archaeological resources, as well as solid and hazardous waste,