

# CITY OF OAK RIDGE



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Ms. Cindy Bladey  
Office of Administration  
Mail Stop: OWFN-12-H08  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC 20555-0001

4/13/2017  
82 FR 17885

Dear Ms. Bladey:

On June 5, 2017, the Oak Ridge City Council adopted Resolution No. 5-41-2017, which expressed support for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's preparation of an environmental impact statement as part of the review of the Tennessee Valley Authority's early site permit application for the Clinch River Nuclear Site.

The aforementioned resolution also directed that the resolution be transmitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission as the official comments from the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Enclosed please find a copy of the resolution for your review.

Please feel free to contact the City Clerk's office at (865)425-3411 if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Hickman

Mary Beth Hickman  
Oak Ridge City Clerk

Enclosure

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS PART OF THE REVIEW OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY'S EARLY SITE PERMIT FOR THE CLINCH RIVER NUCLEAR SITE

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power distributors serving 9 million people in parts of seven southeastern states; and

WHEREAS, the TVA has a significant economic impact on Tennessee, including the Oak Ridge region, with thousands of employees and subcontractors, procurements worth millions of dollars annually, as well as other spin-off activities; and

WHEREAS, TVA supports the social and economic well-being of Oak Ridge and other communities in the Tennessee Valley region through its efforts in education, human services and community enrichment; and

WHEREAS, TVA's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is a power planning roadmap to 2033 examining a variety of economic, regulatory and market-driven scenarios and strategies to help TVA respond to changing energy demands while continuing to provide reliable power at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS, the energy resource options identified in the IRP include new nuclear options, including the possible construction of one or more Small Modular Reactors (SMRs); and

WHEREAS, SMRs have the potential to provide the United States with clean, safe, cost-effective energy and create jobs and spur economic development;

WHEREAS, TVA has expressed an interest to use the Clinch River Nuclear (CRN) Site, which was previously designated for the construction of a breeder reactor project, for the possible construction of one or more SMRs that would be licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC); and

WHEREAS, the TVA's CRN Site is located in the City of Oak Ridge in Roane County; and

WHEREAS, the TVA submitted an Early Site Permit (ESP) application for the CRN Site to the NRC in May 2016, using technical information from various plant designs to assess the suitability of the CRN Site for any future construction and operation of a nuclear power plant; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2017, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* of the agency's intent to prepare an EIS as part of the review of the TVA's ESP application; and

WHEREAS, the NRC held two public "scoping" meetings in Oak Ridge on May 15<sup>th</sup> to accept public comments on the agency's intent to prepare an EIS; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge desires to comment on the NRC's intent to prepare an EIS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

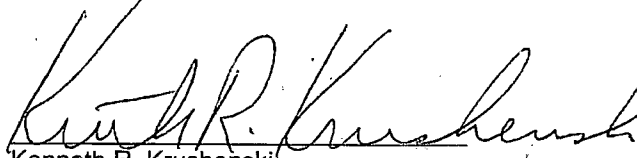
That the City of Oak Ridge encourages and supports TVA's efforts to develop and deploy a new generation of nuclear reactors, including the possible construction of Small Modular Reactors, to reduce environmental emissions, and to eventually serve as potential power source for the Tennessee Valley Region, including Oak Ridge.

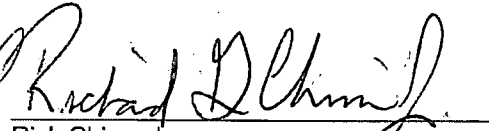
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oak Ridge supports the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's preparation of an environmental impact statement as part of the review of the Tennessee Valley Authority's early site permit application for the Clinch River Nuclear Site.

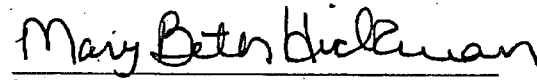
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission as the official comments from the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

This the 5th day of June 2017.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
Kenneth R. Krushenski  
City Attorney

  
Rick Chinn, Jr.  
Mayor Pro Tem

  
Mary Beth Hickman  
City Clerk