



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Nathalie Strickland, VP Communications
TVPPA
(423) 619-9900
communications@tvppa.com

TVPPA Announces Support of TVA Pandemic Relief to Member Utilities

Chattanooga, Tenn. (August 27, 2020)— The Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA) announced today its support for the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) decision to provide a Pandemic Relief Credit to the 153 local power companies who purchase electricity from TVA, large companies who purchase power directly from TVA and large industrial and commercial customers who are supplied through local power companies. TVA's ability to reduce operating costs and shift direction to maximize business efficiencies, stay ahead of schedule on debt reduction, and mindfully make needed investments in the business has resulted in a strong financial position. TVPPA applauds TVA's decision to use its resources to do the right thing to assist local power companies who continue to face economic hardships due to the financial impact COVID-19 has had on communities throughout the Tennessee Valley.

Announced following TVA's board meeting, the Pandemic Relief Credit offers local power companies and TVA directly-served customers a 2.5% wholesale base rate credit, which will begin in October and extend over a 12-month period. In addition to this credit, TVA has committed to an additional \$2 million in funding for the Community Care Fund which matches funds donated by local power companies and other community organizations plus committed to a six-month extension of its Back-to-Business credit program for industrial and directly served customers. These actions reflect TVA's founding mission to improve lives in the Tennessee Valley. TVPPA believes these decisions will have a profound impact not only on the economic recovery of communities across the seven-state Tennessee Valley region but also on TVA's leadership among public power systems nationwide.

"The partnership between TVPPA members and TVA has driven economic development and enhanced the lives of the millions of people who call the Tennessee Valley home. We commend TVA and its leadership, especially TVA CEO Jeff Lyash, for recognizing the challenges local power companies continue to face as the result of lost revenue from the discontinuation of shut-offs this spring. The economic impact of COVID-19 on local power companies has been felt throughout the Valley. TVA's Pandemic Relief Credit, along with the continued commitment to the

Community Care Fund and the Back-to-Business credit program for industrial customers will provide much needed relief,” said Doug Peters, TVPPA president and chief executive officer.

TVPPA further commends TVA for placing decisions about how these programs are implemented locally into the hands of local power companies. In doing so, TVA upholds the bold aspirations of the public power model by centering decisions on the needs of the communities served by their customers.

“We applaud TVA’s leadership for easing the financial strain this pandemic has put on TVPPA members by supporting them with the Pandemic Relief Credit. We further commend TVA for putting decision-making regarding the use of these funds in the hands of local power companies so they can make decisions based on their unique knowledge of their business and community needs,” added Peters.

About TVPPA

The Tennessee Valley Public Power Association, Inc. (TVPPA) is the nonprofit, regional service organization that represents the interests of 153 consumer-owned electric utilities operating within the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) service area. TVPPA members include both municipal and electric cooperatives, and they serve more than 10 million people in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia.

###