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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY AND INTERIOR EXTEND DEADLINE FOR TELLICO REPORT COMMENTS

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the U. S. Department of the Interior have extended until October 1 the deadline for receiving comments on their joint report on alternatives for completing the TVA's Tellico Dam and Reservoir Project.

The report was released to the public and Members of Congress on August 10 and the two agencies had initially announced a 30-day public comment period. However, the period is being extended to give the public more time to submit comments on the 113 page report, because of the interest already expressed.

Copies of the report can be obtained from the TVA Information Office in Knoxville, or the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Public Affairs, in Washington. Comments on the report can be addressed to either agency for inclusion in the record. At TVA, comments should be addressed to S. David Freeman, Chairman, TVA Board of Directors, 400 Commerce Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902; at Interior to Ms. Sheila Minor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Room 3145, U. S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240.

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