

EXHIBIT 3



Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 W. Summit Hill Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1401

August 4, 2023

Mr. Trey Bussey
Southern Environmental Law Center
1033 Demonbreun Street, Suite 205
Nashville, TN 37203

Dear Mr. Bussey:

This concerns your request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) dated July 7, 2023. You requested records of communications between TVA and Tennessee Gas Pipeline, Kinder Morgan, Texas Eastern Transmission, East Tennessee Natural Gas, or Enbridge regarding possible or planned energy or gas infrastructure systems to be constructed partially or entirely in Cheatham County, Tennessee after July 2023. Your request has been assigned tracking number 23-FOI-00156.

On July 20, we had a call to discuss your request. TVA has executed one agreement to date for Cheatham County which is a reimbursable cost agreement. We agreed to prioritize a copy of that agreement and to narrow the scope to communications between TVA and Kinder Morgan only.

We are unable to complete your request within 20 business days from its receipt for several reasons including: the need to search for and review records from TVA offices separate from this one; the volume of records that will need to be collected and reviewed; and the time required to complete the submitter notice process. We will, however, provide responses on a rolling basis as discussed in our call on July 20.

In fairness to all our requesters, the FOIA requests which cannot be answered within 20 business days are placed in the multi-track system in accordance with TVA's FOIA regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 1301.5, and are generally answered in the order we receive them within each track.

Your request has been placed in Track 3. Track 3 is for the requests that are expected to take the longest time to process. The processing time will depend upon the number and complexity of the requests in Track 3 ahead of yours.

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If you have questions or would like to discuss ways your request could be processed quicker you may contact me at foia@tva.gov. Contact information for the Office of Government Information Services and TVA is also provided with this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denise Smith
TVA FOIA Officer

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Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
Room 2510
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Email ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 301-837-1996
Facsimile: 301-837-0348
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

FOIA Liaison mediation services are also available through the TVA Ombudsman. You may contact the Ombudsman in any of the following ways:

Mr. Wilson Taylor
Ombudsman and TVA FOIA Liaison
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Knoxville, TN 37902-1401
Email wtaylor@tva.gov
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