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Jeffery Lyash, President & CEO
Tennessee Valley Authority
400 W Summit Hill DR SW
Knoxville, TN 37902

Dear Mr. Lyash,

Recently, the United States, and more specifically the Tennessee Valley, experienced uncommon, but not unprecedented, cold temperatures. Our citizens and my constituents depend on the Tennessee Valley Authority to be prepared and fully equipped, as the nation's largest public power utility, to deal with this weather. Unfortunately, TVA appears to have been caught completely flat-footed, which resulted in service disruption for thousands of Tennesseans and other residents within the TVA service area.

I hope you agree that this is unacceptable.

I would appreciate your response to the following questions:

1. Why was TVA unprepared to deal with the increased power demand leading up to and immediately following Christmas?
2. Did TVA deliver or provide power outside of the TVA service area that could have otherwise been used to meet the increased power demand within the TVA service area?
3. What steps are being taken to ensure future preparedness and improved communication between TVA and its stakeholders, including local power companies, direct-served customers, ratepayers and elected officials?

Thank you for your timely attention to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

Tim Burchett
Member of Congress