

The Tennessee Valley Authority Electric Line! Show me a sign! We are living without light!

First in the nation Federalized utility lines, In Tennessee signed by FDR in Nineteen Thirty Three

Here we are in Two Thousand Twenty Six, What do we have to show for that?

The TVA brought electricity to millions of rural residents! Improving living conditions! Enabling modern conveniences!

Lifted the region out of the Great Depression! Why did the TVA stop selling energy outside the Tennessee Valley?

The TVA no longer received federal funds and was prohibited from selling energy outside the Tennessee Valley.

Local power companies, which are the TVA's primary customers, allege this monopoly encourages unfair business practices and forces them to forgo cleaner, cheaper energy options.

Current U S Presidential Appointees Derailed a Clean Energy Future at the Nation's Largest Public Utility!

The Tennessee Valley Authority dropped renewables, and now coal is back!

At their Quarterly Meeting on February Eleventh Two Thousand Twenty Six the Tennessee Valley Authority meeting in Hopkinsville, Kentucky featured credit on video to coal workhorses, noting nuclear provided uninterrupted power during Winter Storm Fern and "Hydro responded instantly".

The list ended there, despite years of promises that the agency would bolster renewables and battery storage. The message was clear: Solar had been dropped from the mix!

Coal, which the agency had been phasing out, was back. From a public health standpoint, it's a nightmare. Coal is one of the worst things you can imagine for the environment!

Burning the fossil fuel releases fine particulate matter, impacting the health of nearby residents.

Coal plants caused nearly half a million excess deaths between Nineteen Ninety Nine and Two Thousand Twenty. TVA coal-fired plants were the nation's deadliest!

People are upset, they feel like we're going backwards. The fact that these plants are from the Nineteen Fifties and Nineteen Sixties and we're just going to prop them up

with Band-Aid solutions to appease the current administration is going to cost people! Even some coal plant operators agree.

A Colorado utility is suing to close a facility, calling a federal emergency order to keep it online

"unconstitutional." For those who live near the two plants the TVA just saved, the decision is a betrayal.

For years, TVA planners had mapped out a future without coal. That is now on hold. The Kingston Fossil Plant in Roane County, Tennessee, was scheduled for retirement

in Two Thousand Twenty Seven, with all nine of its units slated for demolition and replacement with an "energy complex" of gas generation and battery storage. All will remain online

alongside the gas plant, but renewables are no longer part of the picture. The board also shelved plans to scuttle the Cumberland Fossil Plant in Stewart County, Tennessee,

in Two Thousand Twenty Eight! Despite the agency's Two Thousand Twenty Five Integrated Resource Plan, which called for retiring the two facilities because of Kingston's high cost

and challenged condition and Cumberland's lack of flexibility. The Kingston coal plant was also the site of a devastating Two Thousand Ten coal ash disaster, the largest

industrial spill in U S history. The board cited energy affordability needed for the Tennessee Valley.

Dolly Parton, by co-owning Dollywood and promoting the Great Smoky Mountains, transformed the region into a vibrant tourist destination.

Parton co-owned Dollywood, which opened in Nineteen Eighty Six. Her efforts in the region have led to a substantial increase in job opportunities and local business growth.

Parton also invested in local education and health initiatives, further modernizing the region's infrastructure. Vanderbilt University is in Nashville, Tennessee.

In early Two Thousand Twenty the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine was helped along by Dolly Parton.

In April Two Thousand Twenty Dolly Parton announced a One million dollar donation to the Vanderbilt University Medical Center to support coronavirus research.

When the pandemic began, her doctor informed her about the work being done at Vanderbilt to combat the novel coronavirus, prompting her to establish the Dolly Parton COVID-19 Research Fund.

Supporting the initial phases of research at Vanderbilt, a site for the clinical trials of the Moderna vaccine, developing the assays and tests needed to evaluate the vaccine's effectiveness.

In March Two Thousand Twenty One when Parton received her first dose of the Moderna vaccine.

In a video she shared a parody of her classic song "Jolene," changing the lyrics to "Vaccine, vaccine, vaccine, vaccine, I'm begging of you please don't hesitate."

Her message was simple and direct: "I'm old enough to get it and I'm smart enough to get it."