

**STATEMENT OF BARBARA S. HASKEW  
BEFORE THE US SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS  
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Good afternoon, Madam Chairman and members of the Committee. I am honored to appear before you today to be considered for appointment to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

I am also deeply honored by the President's nomination of me for this position on the TVA Board.

Additionally, I want to express my appreciation to a number of members of the Tennessee Congressional Delegation for their encouragement and support.

My roots run deep in the Tennessee Valley. Today, we make our home on Raccoon Mountain where TVA's pumped storage facility is located. If I stand in my backyard and look west I can see the Sequoyah nuclear plant in the distance.

My education and professional experience of more than 4 decades have developed management and leadership skills that qualify me for service on the TVA Board. Many of these skills were developed in leadership positions at TVA and at Middle Tennessee State University. During the 80s I served TVA as Manager of Rates, developing rate structures designed to both provide cost based revenues and shape TVA's power load. I was part of the team that negotiated rates with TVA power distributors and discussed rate issues with large industrial customers. These involvements deepened my understanding of the needs and concerns of Valley customers and consumers. It was a challenging decade for both TVA and Valley consumers as rising fuel and interest costs produced significant rate increases. It was also a period when TVA experimented with alternative technologies and applications designed to use power more efficiently and to price it in ways that encouraged conservation.

I built additional leadership expertise over 14 years in the positions of Dean of the College of Business and as Provost and Vice President at Middle Tennessee State University, managing hundreds of faculty and staff and large budgets. I also served on professional and public service boards at the national and regional levels which added to my leadership and governance understandings. In recent years I have returned to teaching and focused my research on the interactions in the Southeast between energy, economic growth, education and the region's population and labor force.

The TVA Act requires Board members to affirm support for the objectives and missions of the Corporation. These include being a national leader in technological innovation, low-cost power, and environmental stewardship. As an economist and as a citizen I am focused on the opportunities and challenges TVA faces as it addresses important questions about power production and use, the increased protection of the environment and the exciting potential of new technologies. I believe I can contribute to these discussions. I look forward to answering your questions.