Judge Wade White Nomination Introduction
Remarks of Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell
Wednesday, September 7th, 2022

Mr. Chairman, Ranking Member Inhofe, Colleagues:

It's my privilege to introduce Judge Wade White for your consideration for the Tennessee Valley Authority Board of Directors.

Increasing energy prices, rising inflation, and stagnant economic growth are placing new pressures on American families.

We need leaders who understand that our electric system's primary purpose is to provide affordable, reliable power to consumers.

That's especially true for the ten million people, many of them Kentuckians, who rely on the Tennessee Valley Authority for their electricity needs.

TVA is the largest public utility in our country and my home state of Kentucky is uniquely impacted by decisions made by its leaders.

We are home to the longest hydroelectric dam in its grid and to more than 215,000 households that rely on TVA for their everyday power needs.

Unfortunately, the current TVA Board lacks representation from our state.

That's why I'm proud to introduce my friend, Lyon County Judge-Executive Wade White, for nomination to this important body.

I know that, if confirmed, he will bring both common sense and a unique Bluegrass perspective to this role.

Wade and I have worked together for years, pushing for targeted federal investment in areas like Asian Carp, Barkley Dam, and Land Between the Lakes.

These projects overlap with many of the issues facing the TVA system as a whole. Wade's successful stewardship of Kentucky's waterways demonstrates strong leadership potential for the TVA Board.

As TVA continues to expand and modernize its power-generating capabilities, leaders like Wade will play a critical role in ensuring consumers can continue to count on affordable and reliable electricity.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce this fine candidate to this Committee.

I look forward to Wade's continued service to our country as a proven leader on the TVA Board.

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