OAK RIDGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Municipal Building Courtroom

June 5, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM
17-19

DATE: June 1, 2017

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Mark S. Watson, City Manager

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FY2018

Introduction

An item for City Council's consideration is the fiscal 2018 Budget Appropriation Ordinance reflecting appropriations for the various City Funds as presented in the proposed budget document. The presented property tax rate is $2.56 per $100 of assessed valuation as outlined in Section 2 of the Ordinance, which is a 4-cent tax increase over the fiscal 2017 tax rate of $2.52. Each cent on the property tax rate generates approximately $85,000 in revenue.

Review

The appropriation ordinance reflects the budgeted expenditures of City and School Funds including debt servicing, utility funds and special revenue funds of $196,189,249. Of this amount, the General Fund budget shall represent $23,219,384 for municipal expenditures.

The City's fiscal 2017 operating transfer to the Oak Ridge Schools was $14,955,915 with an additional transfer of $538,048 for nonrecurring (one-time) funding for debt service payments and other related nonrecurring capital project expenses. For fiscal 2018, the Oak Ridge Schools has requested that the $538,048 in nonrecurring funding become recurring and has requested an additional $317,762 for a total operational funding amount of $15,811,725. The additional $317,762 in requested School funding from fiscal 2017 levels rounds to four (4) cents on the property tax rate.

Scheduling

First reading of the appropriation ordinance will occur at the June 5, 2017 City Council meeting, with second reading occurring the following Monday, June 12, 2016. The City has advertised for two (2) public hearings to occur as part of the consideration of the ordinance with the June 12, 2017 public hearing serving as the official Charter requirement.

Recommendation

Adoption of the attached ordinance is recommended.

Mark S Watson

Mark S. Watson

Attachment

ORDINANCE NO._____

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017, BY IMPOSING A TAX ON ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY, FIXING THE RATE OF THE TAX, ADOPTING A BUDGET, AND ADOPTING APPROPRIATIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Manager, in accordance with the requirements of Article V, Section 10, of the Charter of the City of Oak Ridge, has submitted to City Council a proposed budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year upon which a public hearing was held on June 5, 2017 and June 12, 2017 as required by law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the same Charter section, the Council held meetings which served to provide guidance to the City Manager on the preparation of the proposed budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

Section 1. The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 submitted to City Council by the City Manager, is hereby adopted.

Section 2. In order to provide revenue for municipal purposes, there is hereby imposed on the value of all property within the City of Oak Ridge as such value has been ascertained by the taxing authority of the City, a levy at the rate of $2.56 upon each One Hundred Dollars' ($100.00) worth of assessed value of all taxable property, this levy to be the tax rate for the year 2017. This levy shall also be imposed upon such assessments as may be certified for tax purposes to the City of Oak Ridge by the Public Service Commission of the State of Tennessee.

Section 3. In accordance with Article V, Section 13, of the Charter of the City of Oak Ridge, the following amounts shall be and hereby are adopted as appropriations by funds for the operation of the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for Fiscal Year 2018:

General Fund, Municipal Operations	$ 23,219,384
Debt Service (Bond and Interest Redemption Fund)	$ 8,621,000
State Street Aid Fund	$ 1,821,000
Drug Enforcement Program Fund	$ 255,200
General Purpose School Fund	$ 60,829,021
Golf Course Fund	$ 1,212,417
Capital Projects Fund	$ 21,367,110
Solid Waste Fund	$ 2,883,615
West End Fund	$ 2,965,205

Section 4. The following amounts in the proprietary-type funds are projected expenses for Fiscal Year 2018 and are provided for informational purposes:

Electric Fund	$ 53,148,629
Waterworks Fund	$ 19,272,332
Emergency Communications District Fund	$ 594,336

Section 5. In order to provide funds to meet the expenditure requirements, the following transfers are projected for Fiscal Year 2018 and are provided for informational purposes:

To General Fund For Tax Equivalent	
From Electric Fund	$ 1,705,350
From Waterworks Fund	$ 1,793,000
To General Purpose School Fund for Operations	
From General Fund	$ 15,811,725
To Debt Service Fund	
From General Fund	$ 4,650,000
To Capital Projects Fund	
From General Fund	$ 1,200,000
To State Street Aid Fund	
From General Fund	$ 530,000
To Solid Waste Fund	
From General Fund	$ 820,000
To Golf Course Fund	
From General Fund	$ 100,000

Section 6. All proceeds received through fines, forfeitures and the disposal of seized goods resulting from the City's drug enforcement program shall be used exclusively for that program. A Special Revenue Fund has been established and any funds expended will be limited to the funds collected for that program.

Section 7. The taxes levied under this Ordinance shall become due and payable, shall become delinquent and shall be subject to penalties, the execution of distress warrants and sale of property levied upon as provided by law.

Section 8. The levy provided for herein shall be imposed on all taxable property as the same has been reported to the Council as a final total assessment of each class of property by the legally constituted Boards of Equalization for property situated in either Anderson County or Roane County within the City of Oak Ridge. The written report of the Equalization Boards shall be the assessment roll of the City of Oak Ridge.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall become effective ten (10) days after adoption on second reading, the welfare of the City of Oak Ridge requiring it.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kenneth R. Krushenski, City Attorney

Warren L. Gooch, Mayor

Mary Beth Hickman, City Clerk

Publication Date: _____
Public Hearing: _____
First Reading: _____
Publication Date: _____
Public Hearing: _____
Second Reading: _____
Publication Date: _____
Effective Date: _____

INFORMATION SERVICES MEMORANDUM
17-06

TO: Mark Watson
City Manager

FROM: Amy Fitzgerald, Ph.D.
Government Affairs & Information Services Director

DATE: May 30, 2017

RE: **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS PART OF THE REVIEW OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY'S EARLY SITE PERMIT FOR THE CLINCH RIVER NUCLEAR SITE**

An item for the June 5th City Council meeting agenda is the adoption of the attached resolution supporting the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in response to the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) submission of an early site permit (ESP) application for the Clinch River Nuclear (CRN) Site. The CRN Site is located in the Roane County portion of the City of Oak Ridge, and is TVA's proposed location for the possible construction of a Small Modular Reactor (SMR).

The TVA submitted the ESP application in May 2016. The notice of the NRC's receipt of the application was published in the *Federal Register* on June 23, 2016, and the notice of the NRC's "docketing" of the application was published on January 12, 2017.

On April 13, 2017, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* of the agency's intent to prepare an EIS as part of the review of the TVA's ESP. The application uses technical information from various plant designs to assess the suitability of the CRN Site for any future construction and operation of a nuclear power plant. The NRC held two public "scoping" meetings in Oak Ridge on May 15th to accept public comments on the agency's intent to prepare an EIS.

This resolution aligns with previous policy positions by the Oak Ridge City Council to encourage the development of SMR technology. The deployment of one or more SMRs could possibly serve as a future power source and economic development opportunity for the City of Oak Ridge.

Should Council adopt the resolution, it should be transmitted to the NRC by June 12, 2017 at the following address:

Cindy Bladey
Office of Administration
Mail Stop: OWFN–12–H08
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555–0001

Staff recommends adoption of the resolution.

Amy S. Fitzgerald

Amy S. Fitzgerald

Attachments

City Manager's Comments:

I have reviewed the above issue and recommend Council action as outlined in this document.

Mark S Watson 6-1-17

Mark S. Watson Date

The licensee's application was previously noticed in the **Federal Register** on August 2, 2016 (81 FR 50731). The licensee provided responses to NRC staff requests for additional information related to this action on November 10, 2016 and February 13, 2017 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML16315A411 and ML17045A363, respectively), and a request to withdraw the application on March 23, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17083A077).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of April 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael Mahoney,

Project Manager, Plant Licensing Branch II-1, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52–047; NRC–2016–0119]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Clinch River Nuclear Site; Early Site Permit Application

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Intent to prepare environmental impact statement and conduct scoping process; public meeting and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received an application from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), for an early site permit (ESP) for the Clinch River Nuclear (CRN) Site, located in Roane County, Tennessee, along the Clinch River, approximately 25 miles west-southwest of downtown Knoxville, Tennessee. The purposes of this notice are to inform the public that the NRC staff will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) as part of the review of the application for the ESP and to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process as defined in the regulations.

DATES: Submit comments by June 12, 2017. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. The public scoping meetings will be held on May 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comment by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2016–0119. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: *Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.* For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.
- *NRC Project Email Address:* Electronic comments may be sent by email to the NRC at *ClinchRiverESPEIS@nrc.gov.*
- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: OWFN–12–H08, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Vokoun, telephone: 1–800–368–5642, extension 3470, email: *Patricia.Vokoun@nrc.gov;* or Tamsen Dozier, telephone: 1–800–368–5642, extension 2272, email: *Tamsen.Dozier@nrc.gov.* Both are staff of the Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2016–0119 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2016–0119.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.* To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "*Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.*" For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov.* The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. In addition, for the convenience of the reader, the ADAMS accession numbers are provided in a table in the section of this notice entitled, Availability of Documents.
- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2016–0119 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions received through the Federal Rulemaking Web site (*http://www.regulations.gov*) in the *Regulations.gov* docket (NRC–2016–0119), and will also enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. Comments submitted through the NRC project email address will only be available in ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

II. Introduction

Pursuant to part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), on May 12, 2016, TVA submitted an application for an ESP for the Clinch River Nuclear (CRN) Site, located on approximately 1,200 acres in Roane County, Tennessee, along the Clinch River, approximately 25 miles west-southwest of downtown Knoxville, Tennessee.

III. Further Information

A notice of receipt and availability of the application, including the environmental report (ER), was published in the **Federal Register** on June 23, 2016 (81 FR 40929). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the

application for the ESP was published in the **Federal Register** on January 12, 2017 (82 FR 3812). A notice of hearing and opportunity to petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding on the application was published in the **Federal Register** on April 4, 2017, (82 FR 16436).

The purposes of this notice are to inform the public that the NRC staff will be preparing an environmental impact statement as part of the review of the application for the ESP and to provide the public with an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process as defined in 10 CFR 51.29.

In addition, as outlined in 36 CFR 800.8(c), "Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act," the NRC staff plans to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) with steps taken to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c), the NRC staff intends to use the process and documentation for the preparation of the EIS on the proposed action to comply with Section 106 of the NHPA in lieu of the procedures set forth on 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.45 and 51.50, TVA submitted the environmental ER as part of the application; the ER is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16144A145. The application may also be viewed on the NRC's public Web site at *https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/esp/clinch-river.html*. In addition, the Oak Ridge Public Library, 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the Kingston Public Library, 1004 Bradford Way, Kingston, Tennessee, have agreed to make the ER available for public inspection.

This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare an EIS as part of the review of the application for the ESP at the CRN Site. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (issuance of the ESP for the CRN Site) include no action and alternate sites. As set forth in 10 CFR 51.20(b)(1), issuance of an ESP under 10 CFR part 52 is an action that requires an EIS. This notice is being published in accordance with NEPA and the NRC's regulations in 10 CFR part 51.

The NRC will first conduct a scoping process for the EIS and, as soon as practicable thereafter, will prepare a draft EIS for public comment. Participation in this scoping process by members of the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal Government agencies is encouraged. The scoping process for the draft EIS will be used to accomplish the following:

a. Define the proposed action that is to be the subject of the EIS;

b. Determine the scope of the EIS and identify the significant issues to be analyzed in depth;

c. Identify and eliminate from detailed study those issues that are peripheral or that are not significant;

d. Identify any environmental assessments and other EISs that are being or will be prepared that are related to but are not part of the scope of the EIS being considered;

e. Identify other ER and consultation requirements related to the proposed action;

f. Identify parties consulting with the NRC under the NHPA, as set forth in 36 CFR 800.8(c)(1)(i);

g. Indicate the relationship between the timing of the preparation of the environmental analyses and the Commission's tentative planning and decision-making schedule;

h. Identify any cooperating agencies and, as appropriate, allocate assignments for preparation and schedules for completing the EIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies; and

i. Describe how the EIS will be prepared, including any contractor assistance to be used.

The NRC invites the following entities to participate in the scoping process:

a. The applicant, TVA;

b. Any Federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved or that is authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards;

c. Affected State and local government agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards;

d. Any affected Indian Tribe;

e. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process; and

f. Any person who intends to petition for leave to intervene in the proceeding, or who has submitted such a petition, who is admitted as a party.

III. Availability of Documents

The following table indicates how the key reference documents related to the application and the NRC staff's review processes may be accessed.

Document title	ADAMS Accession No. or Web site
10 CFR Part 51, Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Function.	*https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part051/.*
10 CFR Part 52, Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants.	*https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part052/.*
10 CFR Part 100, Reactor Site Criteria	*https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part100/.*
NUREG–1555, Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants.	*https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1555/.*
NUREG/BR–0298, Brochure on Nuclear Power Plant Licensing Process.	*https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/brochures/br0298/.*
Regulatory Guide 4.2, Preparation of Environmental Reports for Nuclear Power Stations (Supplement 1).	*https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1306/ML13067A354.pdf.*
Regulatory Guide 4.7, General Site Suitability Criteria for Nuclear Power Stations.	*https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML1218/ML12188A053.pdf.*
Fact Sheet on Nuclear Power Plant Licensing Process	*https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/fact-sheets/licensing-process-fs.html.*
Regulatory Guide 1.206, Combined License Applications for Nuclear Power Plants.	*https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/reg-guides/power-reactors/rg/01-206/.*
Nuclear Regulatory Commission Policy Statement on the Treatment of Environmental Justice Matters in NRC Regulatory and Licensing Actions.	*https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2004-08-24/pdf/04-19305.pdf.*

The NRC may post materials related to this document, including public comments, on the Federal Rulemaking Web site at *http://www.regulations.gov* under Docket ID NRC–2016–0119. The Federal Rulemaking Web site allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe: (1) Navigate to the docket folder (NRC–2016–0119); (2) click the "Sign up for Email Alerts" link; and (3) enter your email address and select how frequently you would like to receive emails (daily, weekly, or monthly).

IV. Public Scoping Meeting

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.26, the scoping process for an EIS may include a public scoping meeting to help identify significant issues related to a proposed activity and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS. The NRC will hold two identical public scoping meetings for the EIS regarding the TVA ESP application.

The scoping meetings will be held at Pollard Technology Conference Center Auditorium, 210 Badger Avenue, Oak Ridge, Tennessee on May 15, 2017. The meeting will convene at 2:00 p.m. and will continue until approximately 4:00 p.m. The second meeting will convene at 7:00 p.m., with a repetition of the overview portions of the first meeting, and will continue until approximately 9:00 p.m. The meetings will be transcribed and will include the following:

(1) An overview by the NRC staff of the NEPA environmental review process, the proposed scope of the EIS, and the proposed review schedule; and

(2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the EIS. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions for 1 hour prior to the start of each public meeting. No formal comments on the proposed scope of the EIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting or in writing, as discussed below.

Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the scope of the NEPA review by contacting Ms. Patricia Vokoun by telephone at 1–800–368–5642, extension 3470, or by email to the NRC at *ClinchRiverESPEIS@nrc.gov* (no formal comments will be accepted through this email address) no later than May 7, 2017. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting prior to the start of the session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak, if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the EIS. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Ms. Vokoun's attention no later than May 1, 2017, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated. Participation in the scoping process for the EIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the EIS relates.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC staff will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached on the scope of the environmental review including the significant issues identified, and will send this summary to each participant in the scoping process for whom the staff has an address and will make this summary publicly available. The NRC staff will then prepare and issue for comment the draft EIS, which will be the subject of a separate **Federal Register** notice and a separate public meeting. Copies of the draft EIS will be available for public inspection at the PDR through the address in Section I.A. of this notice and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of comments on the draft EIS, the NRC will prepare a final EIS, which will also be available to the public.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of April, 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Francis M. Akstulewicz,

Director, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70–7005; NRC–2017–0098]

Exemption Request for Waste Control Specialists LLC; Andrews County, Texas

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) in support of the NRC's consideration of issuance of a new 2017 order that would supersede an order previously issued to Waste Control Specialists LLC (WCS) on December 3, 2014 (2014 Order). The 2014 Order contained conditions and criteria that allowed WCS to be exempt from the NRC's regulations concerning special nuclear material (SNM).

DATES: The EA and FONSI are available as of April 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2017–0098 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to *http://www.regulations.gov* and search for Docket ID NRC–2017–0098. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–415–3463; email: *Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov*. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html*. To begin the search, select "*ADAMS Public Documents*" and then select "*Begin Web-based ADAMS Search*." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to *pdr.resource@nrc.gov*. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.
- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Park, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–415–6954; email: *James.Park@nrc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The current action is in response to WCS's December 4, 2014, request for an exemption from NRC regulations to transfer aboveground, under specified conditions, wastes containing SNM in excess of the critical mass limits specified in section 150.11 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10

NUMBER_____

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AS PART OF THE REVIEW OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY'S EARLY SITE PERMIT FOR THE CLINCH RIVER NUCLEAR SITE

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power distributors serving 9 million people in parts of seven southeastern states; and

WHEREAS, the TVA has a significant economic impact on Tennessee, including the Oak Ridge region, with thousands of employees and subcontractors, procurements worth millions of dollars annually, as well as other spin-off activities; and

WHEREAS, TVA supports the social and economic well-being of Oak Ridge and other communities in the Tennessee Valley region through its efforts in education, human services and community enrichment; and

WHEREAS, TVA's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is a power planning roadmap to 2033 examining a variety of economic, regulatory and market-driven scenarios and strategies to help TVA respond to changing energy demands while continuing to provide reliable power at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS, the energy resource options identified in the IRP include new nuclear options, including the possible construction of one or more Small Modular Reactors (SMRs); and

WHEREAS, SMRs have the potential to provide the United States with clean, safe, cost-effective energy and create jobs and spur economic development;

WHEREAS, TVA has expressed an interest to use the Clinch River Nuclear (CRN) Site, which was previously designated for the construction of a breeder reactor project, for the possible construction of one or more SMRs that would be licensed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC); and

WHEREAS, the TVA's CRN Site is located in the City of Oak Ridge in Roane County; and

WHEREAS, the TVA submitted an Early Site Permit (ESP) application for the CRN Site to the NRC in May 2016, using technical information from various plant designs to assess the suitability of the CRN Site for any future construction and operation of a nuclear power plant; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2017, the NRC published a notice in the *Federal Register* of the agency's intent to prepare an EIS as part of the review of the TVA's ESP application; and

WHEREAS, the NRC held two public "scoping" meetings in Oak Ridge on May 15th to accept public comments on the agency's intent to prepare an EIS; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oak Ridge desires to comment on the NRC's intent to prepare an EIS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE:

That the City of Oak Ridge encourages and supports TVA's efforts to develop and deploy a new generation of nuclear reactors, including the possible construction of Small Modular Reactors, to reduce environmental emissions, and to eventually serve as potential power source for the Tennessee Valley Region, including Oak Ridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oak Ridge supports the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's preparation of an environmental impact statement as part of the review of the Tennessee Valley Authority's early site permit application for the Clinch River Nuclear Site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission as the official comments from the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

This the 5th day of June 2017.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kenneth R. Krushenski
City Attorney

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Mayor

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City Clerk