

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Delegation of Authority No. 514]****Delegation of Management Authorities of the Secretary Of State**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State by the laws of the United States, including 22 U.S.C. 2651a, I hereby delegate to the Under Secretary of State for Management, to the extent authorized by law:

1. All management-related functions and authorities now vested or which in the future may be vested in the Secretary of State or in the head of the Department of State, as well as functions and authorities that arise out of, relate to, or concern the activities of, or the laws administered by or relating to, the bureaus, offices, or other organizational units over which the Under Secretary has supervision;

2. The authority of the Secretary of State to approve submission of one-time or recurring reports to the Congress. However, this delegation shall not be construed to authorize the Under Secretary to make waivers, certifications, determinations, findings, or other such statutorily required substantive actions that may be called for in connection with the submission of a report. The Under Secretary shall be responsible for referring to the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, or the Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources any matter on which action would appropriately be taken by such official.

Except for the authority to submit Congressional reports, functions delegated herein may be re-delegated, to the extent authorized by law. The Secretary of State, Deputy Secretary, or Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources may at any time exercise any function delegation herein.

This delegation does not repeal or affect any delegation of authority currently in effect except Delegation of Authority 462, dated January 9, 2019, which is hereby rescinded.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 20, 2021.

Antony J. Blinken,

Secretary of State.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**Moore County Solar Project**

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority.

ACTION: Notice of Intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for the purchase of electricity generated by the proposed Moore County Solar Project in Moore County, Tennessee. The EIS or EA will assess the potential environmental effects of constructing, operating, and maintaining the proposed 200-megawatt (MW) alternating current (AC) solar facility. The proposed 200 MW AC solar facility would occupy approximately 2,000 acres of the roughly 3,300-acre Project Study Area. Public comments are invited concerning both the scope of the environmental review and environmental issues that should be addressed in the EIS or EA. TVA is also requesting data, information, and analysis relevant to the proposed action from the public; affected federal, state, tribal, and local governments, agencies, and offices; the scientific community; industry; or any other interested party.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments must be postmarked, emailed, or submitted online no later than June 4, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Ashley Pilakowski, NEPA Specialist, Tennessee Valley Authority, 400 West Summit Hill Drive, WT 11B, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. Comments may be submitted online at: www.tva.gov/nepa, or by email to nepa@tva.gov. Please note that, due to current TVA requirements for many employees to work remotely, comments submitted electronically are encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ashley Pilakowski by email at aapilakowski@tva.gov, by phone at (865) 632-2256, or by mail at the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations 40 CFR parts 1500 to 1508 (84 FR 43304, July 16, 2020) and TVA's procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 18 CFR part 1318, as well as Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations (36 CFR part 800). Following site investigations and a preliminary determination of the anticipated environmental impacts, TVA will decide whether the proposed action will be the subject of an EIS or EA.

TVA is a federal agency and instrumentality of the United States,

created in 1933 by an act of Congress to foster the social and economic well-being of the residents of the Tennessee Valley region. As part of its diversified energy strategy, TVA produces or obtains electricity from a diverse portfolio of energy sources, including solar, hydroelectric, wind, biomass, fossil fuel, and nuclear.

Background

In June 2019, TVA completed the final 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and associated EIS. The IRP is a comprehensive study of how TVA will meet the demand for electricity in its service territory over the next 20 years. The 2019 IRP recommends solar expansion and anticipates growth in all scenarios analyzed, with most scenarios anticipating 5,000–8,000 MW and one anticipating up to 14,000 MW by 2038. Customer demand for cleaner energy prompted TVA to release a Request for Proposal (RFP) for renewable energy resources (2020 Renewable RFP). The Moore County Solar Project power purchase agreement (PPA) that resulted from this RFP will help TVA meet immediate needs for additional renewable generating capacity in response to customer demands and fulfill the renewable energy goals established in the 2019 IRP.

TVA has entered into a PPA with Silicon Ranch Corporation to purchase 200 MW AC of power generated by the proposed Moore County Solar Project, hereafter referred to as the project. The proposed 200 MW AC solar facility would occupy approximately 2,000 acres of the roughly 3,300-acre Project Study Area which is located entirely in Moore County, Tennessee. The project site is bisected by State Route 55 and its eastern boundary borders the western city limits of Tullahoma, Tennessee. The project site is mostly forested with areas of wetlands, croplands, and early successional fields. A TVA 161-kilovolt transmission line runs north-south through the site. A map showing the project site is available at www.tva.gov/nepa.

Preliminary Proposed Action and Alternatives

In addition to a No Action Alternative, TVA will evaluate the action alternative of purchasing power from the proposed Moore County Solar Project. In evaluating alternatives, TVA considered other solar proposals, prior to selecting the Moore County site. Part of the screening process included a review of transmission options, including key connection points to TVA's transmission system. The Moore County site stood out as a viable option