

Tennessee Valley Authority

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§ 1304.105 Determination of application.

(a) The Division of Land and Forest Resources conducts preliminary investigations, coordinates the processing of applications within TVA; notifies the applicant if preparation and review of an environmental statement are required under NEPA and of what additional information must be submitted to TVA by applicant so that TVA may comply with the requirements of that statute and related legal requirements, and complete its review of the application; and arranges for notification to the Environmental Protection Agency of applications that request approval of plans for structures which may result in a discharge into navigable waters of the United States and are certified in accordance with the requirements of § 1304.103(b).

(b) Hearings concerning approval of applications are conducted (in accordance with § 1304.107) (1) when requested by the applicant, (2) when TVA deems that a hearing is necessary or appropriate in determining any issue presented by the application, (3) when required under applicable provisions of the FWPCA.

(c) Upon completion of the investigation, coordination of the review of water quality aspects of the application under the FWPCA, completion of review under NEPA if required, and hearing or hearings, if any, the Director approves or disapproves the application on the basis of the application and supporting documents the report of investigation, the transcript of the hearing or hearings, if any be held, the recommendations of other agencies, the intent of this part, and the applicable provisions of the TVA Act, the FWPCA, NEPA, and other applicable laws or regulations. In his discretion the Director may refer any application and supporting materials to the Board for its approval or disapproval.

(d) Promptly following determination, the Director or the Board, as the case may be, furnishes a written copy of the decision to the applicant and to any parties of record pursuant to § 1304.107. In the case of applications initially approved or disapproved by the Board, written requests for reconsideration may be made to the Board in

the same manner as provided for appeals under § 1304.106(a).

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§ 1304.106 Appeals.

(a) If the Director disapproves an application, the applicant may, by written request addressed to the Board of Directors, Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tenn. 37902, and mailed within thirty (30) days after receipt of notification of such disapproval, obtain review by the Board of the determination of the Director disapproving the application.

(b) A party of record to any hearing before the Director who is aggrieved or adversely affected by any determination of the Director approving an application, may obtain review by the Board of such determination by written request addressed and mailed as provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) Requests for review shall specify the reasons why it is contended that the Director's determination is in error.

(d) Following receipt of a request for review, the Board will review the material on which the Director's decision was based and may conduct or cause to be conducted such investigation of the application as the Board deems necessary or desirable. The applicant and the person requesting review may submit additional written material in support of his position to the Board within thirty (30) days after receipt by TVA of the request for review. Based on the review, investigation, and written submissions provided for in this paragraph, the Board shall render its decision approving or disapproving the application.

(e) The Board will furnish a written copy of its decision in any review proceeding under this section to the applicant and to all parties of record promptly following determination of the matter.

[36 FR 20424, Oct. 22, 1971; 36 FR 22901, Dec. 2, 1971, as amended at 42 FR 65148, Dec. 30, 1977. Redesignated at 44 FR 30682, May 29, 1979]

§ 1304.107 Conduct of hearings.

(a) If a hearing is to be held for any of the reasons described in § 1304.105(b)

TVA gives notice of the hearing to permit attendance by interested persons. Such notice may be given by publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER, publication in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed structure, personal written notice, or a combination of these methods. The notice indicates the place, date and time of hearing, so far as feasible indicates the particular issues to which the hearing will pertain, states the manner of becoming a party of record, and provides other relevant information. The applicant is automatically a party of record.

(b) Hearings may be conducted by the Director and/or such other person or persons as he may designate for that purpose. Hearings are public and are conducted in an informal manner. Parties of record may be represented by counsel or other persons of their choosing. Technical rules of evidence are not observed although reasonable bounds are maintained as to relevancy, materiality, and competency. Evidence may be presented orally or by written statement and need not be under oath. After the hearing has been completed, additional evidence will not be received unless it presents new and material matter that in the judgment of the person or persons conducting the hearing could not be presented at the hearing. Where construction of the project also requires the approval of another agency of the Federal Government by or before whom a hearing is to be held, the Director may arrange with such agency to hold a joint hearing.

§ 1304.108 Conditions of approvals.

(a) Approvals of applications shall contain such conditions as are required by law. Approvals of applications may contain such other conditions as TVA deems necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act, the policy of related statutes, and the intent of this part.

(b) If an approval is granted under this subpart of a structure or facility with respect to which a certificate of compliance with applicable water quality standards has been obtained pursuant to FWPCA and no additional or other Federal permit or license is required for operation of such structure or facility, the holder of the TVA ap-

proval shall, prior to initial operation of such structure or facility, provide an opportunity for the certifying state or, if appropriate, the interstate agency or the Environmental Protection Agency to review the manner in which the structure or facility will be operated or conducted, for the purpose of assuring that applicable water quality standards will not be violated.

(c) Except for plans which must be approved only because the proposed structure is to be built upon land subject to a TVA flowage easement, as provided in § 1304.109, no plans will be approved for any structure, including by way of example only, boat docks, piers, fixed boathouses, floats or rafts, if they provide for toilets, living or sleeping quarters, or any type of enclosed floor space in excess of 25 square feet, not including walkways around boat wells or mooring slips. Such walkways shall not exceed 4 feet in width unless, in the sole judgment of the Director, the size of the well or slip justifies a greater width. For the purposes of this subsection, floor space shall not be deemed *enclosed* solely because of plans providing for the use of wire mesh or similar screening which leaves the interior of the structure of facility open to the weather: *And, provided further*, That nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed as prohibiting enclosure of the boat well or mooring slip proper. In the case of applications for structures to be used as part of a public boat dock, marina, or other public or commercial facility, the requirements of this paragraph (c) may be waived or modified by the Director if he considers such waiver necessary or desirable for proper development of the facility.

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§ 1304.109 Habitable and certain other enclosed structures within the flowage easement areas of TVA reservoirs.

In addition to all other requirements of this part, any structure built upon land subject to a flowage easement held by TVA shall be deemed an obstruction affecting navigation, flood