## Request for Records Disposition Authority

### TO
NATIONAL ARCHIVES and RECORDS ADMINISTRATION (NIR)
WASHINGTON, DC 20408

### FROM (Agency or establishment)
Tennessee Valley Authority

### MAJOR SUBDIVISION
Customer Group

### MINOR SUBDIVISION

### NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER
Vicki Callahan

### TELEPHONE
(615) 751-6249

### NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY

In accordance with the provisions of 44 USC 3303a the disposition request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be marked "disposition not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10.

### AGENCY CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposition of its records and that the records proposed for disposal on the attached ___ page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified; and that written concurrence from the General Accounting Office, under the provisions of Title 8 of the GAO Manual for Guidance of Federal Agencies,

- [ ] is not required;
- [ ] is attached; or
- [ ] has been requested.

### SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

Georgio S. Greene

### TITLE
TVA Archivist (Acting)

### PHOTOGRAPHS OF TVA SUBSTATIONS AND RELATED LOCATIONS

See the attached description of the photographs of TVA substations and related locations throughout the Valley.
Beginning about 1939 and continuing to today, black and white, color, and 35 mm photographs periodically have been taken of TVA substations and related locations throughout the Valley. This photographic collection serves as an historical record of substations owned by the agency as well as TVA substations that have since been purchased by distributors. If these photographs are destroyed or discarded, there would be no agency record of the sites, particularly the older substations. The collection also includes a few miscellaneous photographs showing load dispatching offices, switchyards, and powerhouses.

As TVA-owned substations are altered/expanded, many of the photographs are superseded and replaced with updated photos. Some superseded photos are retained for reference purposes; others were inadvertently destroyed during moves and reorganizations.

The photographs are used in Transmission/Power Supply to reference the type of equipment installed at the substation site, as a record of station profile, to document elevation and landscape, and to visually record the substation capacity. They are also used as a reference source when an expansion is proposed or in reference to correspondence regarding the substation.

About 8 cubic feet of superseded photographs were placed in the Chattanooga Records Center during 1995. About 7 cubic feet of original current and superseded photographs are maintained in file drawers by Transmission Planning and Operations Support in the Transmission Power Supply organization. The photographs are filed by substation location. Some photographs are stamped on the reverse side with the name of the substation and its capacity, the date the photograph was taken, and the photographer's name, among other information.

DISPOSITION:

Transfer superseded photographs to the Chattanooga Records Center as needed. Destroy when no longer needed for historical purposes or when TVA no longer exists.