John Ryder Sworn In as TVA Board Member

MEMPHIS — John Ryder, of Memphis, Tenn., today officially assumed his role as a member of the Tennessee Valley Authority board of directors after taking the oath of office in a ceremony in Memphis. His term will expire on May 18, 2021.

Ryder was nominated by President Donald Trump on Jan. 18, 2019, and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on Feb. 28. He was sworn into office by Judge S. Thomas Anderson, Chief U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

“TVA’s priorities remain a critical part of the ‘formula’ that drives success in the Tennessee Valley: reliable energy at low cost, responsible stewardship of public lands and waters, and being an active partner in economic development,” said Ryder. “It’s an honor to join TVA’s dedicated team in their ongoing mission of service.”

A long-time Memphis resident, Ryder has most recently served as the General Counsel for the Republican National Committee while maintaining his role as a leading bankruptcy and election law attorney with the Harris Shelton law firm in Memphis. Throughout his career, he has remained active in the community, serving as chair of the board of trustees for Opera Memphis, secretary for Memphis Rotary and a board member of the local YMCA.

Ryder completed his undergraduate education at Wabash College and his Juris Doctor degree at Vanderbilt University, where he has served as an adjunct professor.

Ryder fills one of two open positions in the nine-member TVA board of directors. He will join current Board Chair Richard Howorth of Oxford, Miss., Chair-Elect James “Skip” Thompson of Decatur, Ala., and Directors Kenneth Allen of White Plains, Ky., A.D. Frazier, of Mineral Bluff, Ga., Virginia Lodge of Nashville, Tenn., Jeff W. Smith of Knoxville, Tenn. and Ronald Walter of Memphis, Tenn., at the board’s next meeting on May 9, in Franklin, Tenn. William Kilbride of Chattanooga has been nominated to fill the final board position and is awaiting confirmation by the U.S. Senate.

The Tennessee Valley Authority is a corporate agency of the United States that provides electricity for business customers and local power companies serving nearly 10 million people in parts of seven southeastern states. TVA receives no taxpayer funding, deriving virtually all of its revenues from sales of electricity. In addition to operating and
investing its revenues in its electric system, TVA provides flood control, navigation and land management for the Tennessee River system and assists local power companies and state and local governments with economic development and job creation.

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