Meetings of the Council will be held approximately twice per year. As necessary, subcommittees composed of members of the parent Council may be established to perform specific functions within the Council’s jurisdiction. Subcommittees of the Council may meet more frequently than the parent Council. The Designated Federal Officer or Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall call all meetings of the Council and of any subcommittees, approve the agenda for each meeting, and be present at all meetings. The first meeting of the Regional Energy Resource Council is anticipated to take place in September, 2013.

Each member shall be appointed for a term of two years. Whenever a vacancy occurs, TVA may appoint a replacement for the remainder of the applicable term. TVA shall designate one Council member as the Council Chair.

III. Compensation

Each member of the Council shall serve without compensation. Members engaged in the performance of their Council duties away from their homes or regular places of business may be allowed reimbursement for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5703.

IV. Nominations

TVA is seeking nominations for membership on the Council to represent the following interests: (1) Non-governmental entity focused on environmental and/or energy issues, (2) chamber of commerce or economic and community development, and (3) academic or research center. TVA also is seeking nominations for membership on the Council to fill the three at-large membership positions designed to ensure balanced representation of views.

TVA will consider nominations of all qualified individuals to ensure that the Council includes members with professional or personal experience relevant to TVA’s energy resource activities. Individuals may nominate themselves or other individuals, and associations and organizations may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Council.

Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to serve as member of the Council. Potential candidates may be asked to provide detailed information concerning financial interests, consultancies, research grants, and/or contracts that might be affected by recommendations of the Council to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest.

A nomination package should include the following information for each nominee: (1) A letter of nomination stating the name, affiliation, and contact information for the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., what specific attributes recommend him/her for service in this capacity), and the nominee’s field(s) of expertise; (2) a biographical sketch of the nominee and copy of his/her curriculum vitae; and (3) the name, return address, email address, and daytime telephone number of the nominator. TVA encourages nominations of appropriately qualified female, minority, or disabled candidates. TVA also seeks geographic diversity in the composition of the Council. All nomination information should be provided in a single, complete package by July 15, 2013. All nominations for membership should be sent to Joe Hoagland, TVA Designated Federal Officer, at the address provided above.

Dated: June 18, 2013.

Joseph J. Hoagland,
Senior Vice President, Policy & Oversight, Tennessee Valley Authority.

I. Background

On December 8, 2012, TRACS was chartered by the Secretary of the Department of Transportation (the Secretary) for the purpose of providing a forum for the development, consideration, and communication of information from knowledgeable and independent perspectives regarding modes of public transit safety. Currently, the TRACS committee consists of members representing key constituencies affected by rail transit safety requirements, including rail safety experts, research institutions, industry associations, labor unions, transit agencies, and State Safety Oversight Agencies.

With passage of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21), Public Law 112–141, (2012), FTA’s safety oversight authority has been expanded to include all modes of public transportation. Therefore, TRACS membership will be reconfigured to reflect a broader range of safety constituents that is more representative of the public transit industry. To that end, the FTA Administrator invites nominations from members representing key constituencies affected by rail transit or bus transit safety requirements, including labor unions, rail and bus transit agencies, paratransit service providers (both general public and Americans with Disabilities Act complementary service), State Safety Oversight Agencies, State Departments of Transportation, transit safety research organizations and others from the rail transit safety or bus transit safety industry.

The TRACS meets approximately twice a year, usually in Washington, DC, but may meet more frequently or via conference call as needed. Members serve at their own expense and receive no salary from the Federal Government. FTA retains authority to review the participation of any TRACS member and to recommend changes at any time. TRACS meetings will be open to the public and one need not be a member of TRACS to attend. Interested parties may view the information about the committee at: http://www.fta.dot.gov/about/13099.html.

II. Nominations

Qualified individuals interested in serving on this committee are invited to apply to FTA for appointment. The FTA Administrator will recommend nominees for appointment by the Secretary. Appointments are for two-year terms; however, the Secretary may reappoint a member to serve additional terms. Nominees should be
knowledgeable of trends or issues related to rail transit and bus transit safety. Along with their experience in the bus transit or rail transit industry, nominees will also be evaluated on factors including leadership and organizational skills, region of country represented, diversity characteristics, and balance of industry representation.

Each nomination should include the nominee’s name and organizational affiliation, a cover letter describing the nominee’s qualifications and interest in serving on the committee, a curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee’s qualifications, and contact information including the nominee’s name, address, phone number, fax number, and email address. Self-nominations are acceptable. FTA prefers electronic submissions for all applications to TRACS@dot.gov. Applications will also be accepted via U.S. mail at the address identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice.

In the near-term, FTA expects to nominate up to five (5) representatives from the transit bus safety community for immediate TRACS membership. In order to be considered for this round of nominations, applications should be submitted by August 30, 2013. Additionally, in order to fill any future vacancy that may arise, nominations from persons representing key constituencies affected by rail transit or bus transit safety requirements, as noted in section I above, will continue to be accepted after August 30, 2013.

The Secretary, in consultation with the FTA Administrator, will make the final decision regarding committee membership selections.

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Peter Rogoff,
Administrator.
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