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Mr. William D. Johnson, President & CEO
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

As you know TVA employees have prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in its effort to address certain issues surrounding Non-Navigable houseboats and Floating Houses and their proliferation on TVA lakes. The final version of this EIS, which was published in February 2016, included six potential policy alternatives for managing and regulating the NNs and FHs on its reservoirs, along with a recommendation for one of the alternatives, the so-called Alternative B2.

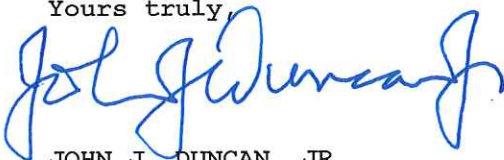
Alternative B2 includes a provision that would require the removal of Houseboats and Floating Homes reservoirs within 20 years. This provision, if implemented, would have a devastating financial effect on marina owners, floating home owners, and local governments that rely on these floating homes in no small part for millions of dollars of tax revenues that currently partially fund their schools and other local government services.

The floating home owners stand to lose many millions of dollars from the diminished value of their homes as a result of this policy. The value of their homes will eventually be completely gone, but their home values will plummet immediately and significantly as soon as the policy to force their eventual removal goes into effect. Just the fact that TVA is recommending such a policy has already pushed the value of these floating homes down.

TVA has gone without any new substantive policy regarding floating homes for literally decades. I see no harm in delaying the implementation of such a policy for a few more months to see if TVA and the parties that will be appreciably harmed by the implementation of Alternative B2 can come together on a policy that better meets the needs of all concerned parties.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,



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cc: TVA Board Members