

Press Release

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TVA Completes Construction of Spring-fed Water Line for the City of Kingston

KINGSTON, Tenn. – Officials from the City of Kingston and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) today celebrate the official dedication of a new spring-fed water line that will provide a plentiful supply of clean water to the citizens of Kingston.

The original gravity water line was destroyed during the 2008 ash spill at TVA's Kingston facility. At the request of Kingston Mayor Troy Beets, TVA officials agreed to a complete replacement of the damaged water line. According to Mayor Beets, "Prior to the spill, this water line provided service to the west side of the city and produced about 25 percent of Kingston's total drinking water supply. I thank TVA for replacing the damaged section, but I also want to recognize them for providing a valuable enhancement to our water supply infrastructure by replacing the entire length of the spring-fed line," continued Beets.

The new water line, constructed of eight and ten inch diameter pipe, is approximately 18,000 feet in length and connects the Swan Pond Spring to the City of Kingston's pumping station located on the west side of the Clinch River Bridge. Replaced at a cost of approximately \$1.5 million, the new line should help eliminate some of the water quality and pressure problems which occurred when the original line was taken out of service.

Following the spill, TVA hired engineers and contractors to redesign and rebuild the line. The construction work was completed last month and the line was placed back in service on August 18, 2010. The spring line now provides approximately 250,000 gallons of water to the city each day.

Steve McCracken, TVA's General Manager of the Kingston Ash Recovery Project, added, "TVA has been a proud Kingston and Roane County neighbor for over 50 years and we are pleased the work to replace the City of Kingston's spring-fed water line is now complete. Hundreds of dedicated people are working every day to restore the area to pre-spill conditions and will not stop until that important work is complete."