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TVA program changes mean solar initiative won't work

Knoxville, Tenn. — Changes in TVA's 2014 Green Power Providers program mean Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett's and Knox County Schools Superintendent Dr. James McIntyre's proposal to install solar panels on building rooftops is no longer feasible.

"It's unfortunate that the TVA program changed beyond what industry experts were anticipating, but I said from the beginning that if this proposal didn't make good financial sense, then we weren't going to do it," said Mayor Burchett.

TVA significantly reduced the premium it is willing to pay its commercial Green Power Provider partners, eliminated the solar incentive and also expected to randomize its selection of program participants. These three changes alone make the solar initiative impractical from a financial standpoint.

"Despite this disappointing news, we will continue to explore ways to save taxpayer money, whether through energy efficiencies or other measures," said Mayor Burchett.

Information about TVA's Green Power Providers program can be found at <http://www.tvagreenpowerproviders.com>.

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