

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
upon the relation and for the use of the
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,

v.

No. _____

A TEMPORARY RIGHT TO ENTER UPON
LAND IN WILSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, and
THOMAS ASHLEY SULLIVAN,
Defendants.

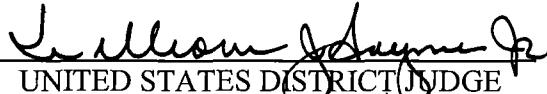
ORDER OF POSSESSION

Upon the filing of a Declaration of Taking and the deposit of the estimated compensation to which the landowner is entitled for the taking, the lands are deemed to be condemned and taken for the use of the United States and the right to just compensation vests in the person entitled. 40 U.S.C. § 3114(b). The United States of America, by and through its agents, is entitled to immediate possession of property condemned by power of eminent domain.

United States v. Miller, 317 U.S. 369, 381 (1943). The statutory and constitutional authority of Tennessee Valley Authority ("TVA") under the TVA Act, 16 U.S.C. § 831, as an agent of the United States, to construct electric transmission lines and circuits and acquire land rights therefore by condemnation has long been established. *Ashwander v. Tennessee Valley Authority*, 297 U.S. 288 (1936); *Rainbow Realty Co. v. Tennessee Valley Authority*, 124 F. Supp. 436 (M.D. Tenn. 1954); *United States ex rel. TVA v. An Easement & Right-of-Way Over 1.8 Acres of Land*, 682 F. Supp. 353 (M.D. Tenn. 1988).

In this case, Plaintiff has filed a proper Declaration of Taking and has placed with the Court an estimate of the just and liberal compensation to be afforded to Defendants for the taking. Accordingly, Plaintiff TVA shall have and be put into immediate possession of the real property specifically described in Plaintiff's Declaration of Taking to the extent necessary to allow, enable, and permit the TVA to carry on and perform any of its operations described in the pleadings. Defendants are **ORDERED** to immediately comply with this Order and to surrender possession of said real property to the TVA pending further order of the Court.

It is so ORDERED.


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
6-17-14

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