

TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Knoxville, Tennessee

March 25, 1935.

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Judge Allen J. Roulhac, Asst. Dir.
Land Acquisition Division
Tennessee Valley Authority,
Decatur, Alabama.

Dear Judge:

I have decided to make Mr. Newman chief executive of the Pickwick project. As we shall not start actual buying there until after the first of July, he will be able to continue as Chief Buyer on the Wheeler project. I have discussed the matter with him and he has suggested that Mr. Rieger be made assistant chief buyer at Wheeler so that there will be some one to direct the buying section when he is forced to be away from Decatur. I should like to have your reaction to this appointment of Mr. Rieger. I am personally acquainted with the work he did in connection with the highway at Pickwick, which was beautifully handled.

I hope that this plan of setting up an independent executive force to handle the Pickwick project will not disappoint you in the light of our previous conversations to the effect that we would have the same executive force handle both projects. It was only after careful consideration that I decided it would be necessary to have an independent executive force.

It is my hope to ultimately have each project a self-contained unit, in the manner mentioned in my memorandum on decentralization. If the McSwain bill is passed, or even if we obtain the funds to carry out the projects being presently considered, we shall ultimately have four projects operating simultaneously.

I am delighted with the progress Mr. Brockman is now making with his closing and hope that it may continue. Mr. Cole is going to make his headquarters at Nitrate Plant and I hope to have the auditing on both Wheeler and Pickwick done at the Nitrate Plant and Decatur respectively. In this way, Mr. Cole will be in the position to work very closely with Mr. Brockman and also the Title Section at Pickwick.

Mr. Underwood and Mr. Sanford having practically completed the appraisal work at Wheeler, will transfer to the Nitrate Plant and will, of course, be available to handle any appraisal matters that arise at Wheeler.

I hope to be down during the first part of April and shall look forward to seeing you at that time.

With best regards,

Very truly yours
(S) John I. Snyder
Director
Land Acquisition Division.

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