



William (Bill) D. Johnson

President and Chief Executive Officer



Bill Johnson is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Appointed by the board of directors in November 2012, Johnson is responsible for leading the nation's largest public utility in its mission of providing energy, environmental stewardship and economic development for the Tennessee Valley region.

Before joining TVA, Johnson was chairman, president and CEO of the Raleigh, N.C.-based Progress Energy Inc. from 2007 to 2012, and served as the company's chief operating officer from 2005 to 2007. His career at Progress began in 1992 and included leadership roles of increasing responsibility, including group president for energy delivery, president and chief executive officer for Progress subsidiary Progress Energy Service Company, and general counsel and secretary for Progress Energy Inc.

Before joining Progress, Johnson was a partner with the Raleigh law office of Hunton & Williams, where he specialized in representing utilities. He previously served as a law clerk to Judge J. Dickson Phillips Jr. of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Johnson served as vice chairman and on the executive committee of the Edison Electric Institute and was chairman of the board of directors of the Nuclear Energy Institute. He was also a member of the boards of directors of the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations, Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited and other community and charitable organizations.

Johnson is currently serving as chairman of the World Association of Nuclear Operations' Atlanta Centre Governing Board. He has held many leadership positions at the state and local level, including serving as chairman of the North Carolina Chamber.

He graduated from Duke University summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in history, and received a law degree with high honors from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The UNC School of Law honored him with its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011.