



## **Robert E. (Eddie) DeBusk II**

Electrician Tech III

TVA Nuclear, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant

33 Years of TVA Service

### **Education and Professional Designations:**

Member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) for 47 years

Completed jointly administered apprenticeship training via the IBEW - National Electrical Contractors Association - U.S. Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training in 1976.

IBEW Job Steward Training

Arbitration Training – George Meany Center for Labor Studies

Advanced Arbitration Training – George Meany Center for Labor Studies

Arbitration Brief Writing Training – George Meany Center for Labor Studies

Past Recording Secretary of IBEW Local Union 760 for 6 years

Past Member of the Inside Unit Examining Board of IBEW Local Union 760 for 6 years

Past Financial Secretary of IBEW Local Union 1323 for 6 years

Past Member of Executive Board of IBEW Local Union 1323 for 3 years

Past President/Business Manager of IBEW Local Union 1323 for 9 years

Past Electrician Job Steward at Watts Bar Nuclear Plant for 20 years

Past President of Tennessee State Electrical Workers Association for 1 year

Delegate to the IBEW International Convention – 2001

Delegate to the IBEW International Convention – 2006

### **Previous TVA Experience:**

Staff augmented electrician – Bull Run Steam Plant

CFC Trades and Labor Co-Chair – Watts Bar Nuclear Plant

Joint participation in wage data survey teams in conjunction with the joint wage negotiations between TVA and the Trades and Labor Council for Annual Employees of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Past member of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Health and Safety Committee

Past Trades and Labor member of the Quality Circle program that was initiated by the TVA Board of Directors when Marvin Runyon was chairman of the TVA Board of Directors.

**Other Information:** Married to Gail DeBusk for 43 years. We have three adult sons, two grandsons, and one granddaughter. Additionally, I am proud to be a cast member of the Knoxville Nativity Pageant for 48 years, where I am the only remaining charter cast member.

The TVA should want to fulfill the obligation to its employees by properly funding the Retirement System instead of creating economic disparity to its employees in their days of retirement by reducing the committed pension benefits for the “good-of-the-cause” of the “company.” The TVA is not just another “company.” It is an entity of the Executive Branch of the United States Government. In that connection, I would remind those that read this statement on this subject that the Preamble of the United States Constitution states in part that it is the responsibility of the United States Government to “promote the general welfare” of the people of the United States. In that connection, I would suggest that an action to “promote the general welfare” of the people would include the action of the TVA to fulfill its obligation as an entity of the United States Government by maintaining its responsibility to properly fund the Retirement System and thus “promote the general welfare” of the TVA employees in their days of retirement. If I am elected to the TVA Retirement System Board of Directors, I will commit to promote the economic needs of the retirees of the TVA.

**INFORMATION IS BASED ON THE CANDIDATE'S REPRESENTATION.**