

When my wife and I moved into our own home four years ago we applied for telephone service from the Southern Bell Telephone Service in Paducah, Kentucky. We were told that 1. didn't have the equipment, 2. have to wait for disconnection, 3. have to have at least three more families on same road to apply for telephone service. Well at the present time there are four families wanting telephone service and can not get it. One reply from Southern Bell Telephone Company was that the T.V.A. said we would be out and gone by January 1967. Well here it is April 1968 and we four families are still without service. On February 15, 1967, after already having made a \$20.00 deposit on February 10, 1967, we received a letter telling us that it was still indefinite as to when we would be furnished service. After numerous talks over the phone with Mr. Tom Brewer from the Southern Bell Telephone Company in Paducah, Kentucky, he agreed to put the phones in for the amount of \$200.00 per family. If this is not an injustice to an American citizen Pray tell me what is. It is getting pretty bad and low down when Companies let the T.V.A. get behind them and make it hard on the citizens and taxpayers.

Several times last summer we were stopped for road blocks. One time I was stopped and the officer got smart with me when I told him where I lived. They were checking where the traffic was going to and from. That same day and the same officer stopped my wife that evening as she was coming home from work and when she told him she did not appreciate being stopped everyday he said and I quote "*By God if you don't like it Move.*" This kind of treatment is unfair. We must admit that it is not very funny being stopped everytime you leave the house. Especially when they know who you are and that you are not a tourist.

We couldn't begin to replace our property and home with the prices the T.V.A. are trying to hand out to the people. It's a shame and disgrace to think how some of the older generation in this area were scared, lied to, and bluffed out of selling their homes to the T.V.A.

We ask you "Is this justice? Is it right to be cursed, stolen from, and denied your American rights as United States citizens and taxpayers?"

WILLARD JOE TRAVIS,  
ELLA MAE TRAVIS,  
*Grand Rivers, Ky.*

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A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 18TH DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY W. D. TRAVIS AND JO TRAVIS, AGAINST TVA

#### NATURE OF COMPLAINT

A. TVA intended to confiscate what would have been our permanent home. They, therefore, prevented necessary electricity hook-up at a reasonable fee. The unreasonable fee designated was to have been Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for hook-up alone.

B. The same holds true of telephone service. TVA informed Southern Bell Tel. & Tel., Paducah, Kentucky about the Land Between the Lakes Project. Because of this, we were required to pay an unheard-of sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for installation alone.

C. In brief, we have been neglected and denied the rights offered by free and private enterprise, fair land and assets price, trial by jury, rights to privacy and property rights—rights that are guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States of America.

D. Opinion: Through our grave endeavor to protect (and retain), for ourselves and our young son, our home and property, we have concluded that present-day government has strayed far from being "of, by and for" the people.

JO TRAVIS,  
W. D. TRAVIS,  
*Grand Rivers, Ky.*

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A COMPLAINT LODGED THIS 23D DAY OF APRIL A.D. 1968, BY MR. AND MRS. BEN WOFFORD, AGAINST TVA

#### NATURE OF COMPLAINT

TVA took from us over 200 acres of farm land in the Kentucky Dam project. We moved over here on the creek.