

CAMDEN, Tenn. – Through a partnership with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), TDEC, the Benton County Electric System, Country & Western and Seven States Power Corporation, BCES has brought an EV charging station to Benton County.

Benton County Electric System has installed a fast charger location at Country & Western (314 Highway 641 North, Camden, TN 38320) as part of Fast Charge TN, a partnership between the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), and Seven States Power Corporation. This Fast Charge TN installation is part of the regional Fast Charge Network that will cover major travel corridors across TVA's seven-state service area and will complement the broader efforts of the National Electric Highway Coalition, which seeks to enable long-distance EV travel by placing fast chargers along interstates and major highways throughout the United States.

“We are thrilled to bring EV fast chargers to Benton County, marking a significant step forward for our community,” said Scott Owens, General Manager of Benton County Electric System (BCES). “This achievement wouldn’t have been possible without the incredible support from Dee and Roy Dedmon at Country and Western, as well as our valued partners at TVA, TDEC, and Seven States Power Corporation and our team at BCES. Together, we are paving the way for a cleaner, more sustainable future for Benton County. The funding from TVA and TDEC make it possible to add fast chargers in our community by providing 80% of the project cost.”

TVA and TDEC have brought together local power companies, state and local government partners, and others to pave the way for over 200,000 EVs on Tennessee Valley roads by 2028. The benefits that EVs bring to the Tennessee Valley region are significant:

Attracting good jobs — \$13.8 billion in EV and battery manufacturing have helped create over 10,000 EV-related jobs.

Reinvesting \$120 million in the local economy every year from electric refueling.

Saving drivers up to \$1,000 in fuel and maintenance costs every year.

In 2024, there are a total of over 80 Electric and/or Hybrid vehicles registered in Benton County.

To learn more about the Fast Charge Network, calculate how much money an EV could save you or locate EV charging stations on your travel route, check out <https://energyright.com/ev/>.

“Seven States is trusted by local power companies across the Tennessee Valley to deliver EV charging technology for their consumers,” said Betsey Kirk McCall, President and CEO of Seven States Power Corporation. “Impactful partnerships like this benefit the local community, regional economy and global environment for years to come.”

Learn more about Fast Charge TN here: [www.tn.gov/EVFastCharge](http://www.tn.gov/EVFastCharge).