By Gary Bowers
Conservation Chair – TN Chapter

Did you know the average Tennessee home consumes more than 1,300 kilowatt hours of electricity every month? That amounts to more than 8 tons of coal burned per Tennessee home every year to generate electricity. If you prefer to break it down in “per day consumption,” that’s about 44 pounds per household per day; slightly less than the biggest bag of dog food at the grocery store.

Tennessee is the highest consumer of electricity on a per household basis in America. What better place to begin an ambitious energy conservation campaign? One in which you can make a difference.

Documentary filmmaker Jeff Barrie is taking his new documentary Kilowatt Ours on a tour of cities throughout the Southeast this Fall with a special focus on screenings in Tennessee. This tour is part of the Southern Energy Conservation Initiative which seeks to significantly reduce the energy consumption of homes, businesses and schools in the Southeastern United States. On average, Southeastern states consume 25% more electricity per home compared to the national average.

The causes for the Southeast’s high consumption are debatable, but the consequences are not: a recent American Lung Association report listed Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville among America’s most polluted cities, and a primary culprit is coal-fired power plants. Mountain top removal coal mining is spreading into Tennessee, and the effects of global warming are becoming evident.

Barrie’s film, which opens with a compelling sequence connecting these problems to our light switches, then goes on to quote vice president Dick Cheney calling for the construction of nearly 2000 new power plants by 2020. The film explores the big picture consequences of our current energy production: nuclear waste, global warming, haze in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, high rates of childhood asthma, mercury contamination of children… all tied to our light switches and air conditioners.

Perhaps the most compelling feature of Kilowatt Ours is the second half of the film. Barrie takes viewers on an inspiring, hopeful and humorous search for solutions to seemingly overwhelming problems, highlighting many outstanding examples of green power and energy efficiency programs at work in Tennessee and across the Southeast. These case studies show that we can dramatically reduce energy consumption while improving our quality of lives and strengthening our economy.

Kilowatt Ours has received rave reviews as a result of preliminary screenings and film festivals. It has been selected to screen in the 2005 Artivist Film festival (L.A.) the 2005 Freedom Cinema Festival (Park City Utah), and the 2005 Wine Country Film Festival (Napa California). Don’t miss this opportunity to see the film that is creating a conservation movement across the Southeast.

As this issue of the Tennes-Sierran goes to press, the following cities and dates below are confirmed. Some venues and times are yet to be nailed down.

Nashville, TN • Tuesday, September 20th
Belcourt Theater, 7 PM

Jackson, TN • Friday, September 23rd
Ned McWherter West TN Cultural Arts Ctr, 7 PM
314 E Main St • Suggested donation $6

Memphis, TN • Saturday, September 24th
Digital Media Theatre at First Congregational Church
6:30 PM • 1000 S Cooper St • Suggested donation $5

Cookeville, TN • Monday, Sept. 26th
Derryberry Auditorium at Tennessee Tech University

Asheville, NC • Sunday, October 3rd
Brew and View Theater, time TBA

Atlanta, GA • Thursday, October 6th • TBA

Atlanta, GA • Friday, October 7th
Sustainable Atlanta Roundtable, AM TBA

Atlanta, GA • Friday, October 7th
TBA for evening screening

Athens, GA • Saturday, October 8th

Savannah, GA • Sunday, October 9th

As details for the TBA (to be announced) venues and times are finalized they will be posted on the www.KilowattOurs.org and http://tennessee.sierraclub.org/ web sites. As the additional Southeast cities venues and dates are finalized they, too, will be posted on both web sites. Other tentative cities currently include Raleigh-Durham, NC, Charlotte, NC, Knoxville, TN, Johnson City, TN, Kingsport, TN, and Charlottesville, VA
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Call for Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the Middle Tennessee Group needs nominations to the Executive Committee for a two-year term beginning January 2006. It is seeking members who care about environmental issues and who are willing to accept the responsibilities of the office. The Executive Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month, except for November and December; and it meets the first Wednesday of December and January. You should be willing to attend and participate in these meetings. The Nominating Committee also asks you to participate by working on or chairing one of our committees. These include the Program, Outings, Conservation, Membership, and Legislative/Political Committees. This year, the terms of 3 current members expire. This means it is a good opportunity to get involved. Training and guidance can be provided to the new committee members. The Group is always in need of new perspectives and input.

Please consider running for a seat on the Executive Committee. Volunteers are needed to do the work of protecting our environment. The Nominating Committee will consider all candidates. Candidates may also qualify by petition. Send nominations to Sierra Club Office, 2001 21st Ave. S., Suite 436, Nashville, TN 37212 or email to dabor-denkicher@mindspring.com or email to adellevin@comcast.net.

The deadline for nominations is September 25.

Harvey Broome Group Call for Nominations

The Harvey Broome Group would like to invite Sierra Club members to submit names for the Executive Committee.

Each nomination should contain the following information from the Candidate: Name, Address, Membership number, and a 10-line biography.

Members can nominate themselves. Nominations should be sent before midnight on September 25 to: David Reister, DReister@BellSouth.net, 10366 Rather Road, Knoxville, TN 37931.

Chickasaw Group Executive Committee

The Nominating Committee of the Chickasaw Group urges you to nominate potential candidates for the Executive Committee members for a two-year term beginning in January 2006. We seek candidates for the election who are:

1) Sierra Club member in good standing;
2) Dedicated to the purposes and goals of the Sierra Club;
3) Willing and able to accept the legal and financial responsibilities of a Group Executive Committee member;
4) Able to listen and communicate effectively and work in a team environment;
5) Able and willing to dedicate sufficient personal time for Executive Committee duties. This would be approximately 10 hours per month, as broken down below:
   • Attend the monthly Executive Committee meeting. (2 to 3 months/month);
   • Willingness to attend two of the monthly outreach gatherings in a calendar year. (4 hours/year);
   • Willingness to attend the monthly “Fourth Wednesday” program meeting. (2 months/month);
   • Willingness to be one of the two Group Delegates to the TN-Chapter. The TN-Chapter meets four (4) times per year – travel is required, or consider being one of the three Group Alternate Delegates to the TN-Chapter (including travel – Friday to Sunday).

Under the leadership and training of the Conservation Chair – take on a personal Conservation Focus and be willing to dedicate a minimum of five (5) hours per month to that focus.

6) Able to think and plan strategically and politically;

8) Knowledgeable of the structure and operations of the Group, Chapter and National Clubs;
9) Experienced as a Group leader;
10) Able and willing to deal with the broad range of issues that comes before the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee members approve supporting proposed local and state legislation, appropriate Group funds, and endorse political candidates, in addition to other tasks. The Group Executive Committee is composed of thirteen members and the term of office is two years with half of the Committee’s terms expiring each year.

The Nominating Committee will consider all potential candidates and recommend qualified candidates to the Executive Committee based on the above criteria. Send nominations and petitions to: Nominating Committee-Chickasaw Group, Sierra Club, P.O. Box 111094, Memphis, TN 38111 or e-mail to Judith Rutschman at rutschman@rhodes.edu or James Baker at kimo_subrey@yahoo.com.

The deadline for nominations is September 20, 2005.

The deadline for members to be eligible for the election by the petition process is September 25. To be eligible to run for election by the petition process, the willing candidate must submit a petition to the above mailing address with the names of at least twenty-five (25) Chickasaw Group members in good standing.

Please verify that the potential candidate is willing to serve and state why this potential candidate would make a good member of the Chickasaw Executive Committee.
STATE OF FRANKLIN GROUP (Tri-Cities)

PROGRAM MEETING: Second Monday of every month, 7pm, Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. These Executive Committee/Conservation meetings are open to everyone interested in helping to protect upper east TN’s air, water, forests & family farms. To place an item on the agenda, or for directions to the church, please contact Linda Modica, Group Chair, (423) 753-9077, lcmdica@aol.com.

PROGRAM MEETING: Fourth Monday of every month, 7pm, Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Church. Programs on environmental issues, travel, nature photography are among the many topics featured at SOFG program meetings. FMI: Mary Gavlik, Vice Chair, (423) 434-9535, mlgav@yahoo.com.

CHEROKEE GROUP (Chattanooga)

PROGRAM MEETING: For additional information, contact Rick Gehrke 423-843-9625 or email rick.gehrke@comcast.net

MIDDLE TENNESSEE GROUP (Nashville)

PROGRAM MEETING: Thursday, (September 8), 7:00 p.m. at Radnor Lake Visitor Center in Nashville. Linda Smithyman will present a whitewater rafting slide show. Linda is known for being an avid white-water rafting enthusiast and will share her slides of rafting on class IV and V rapids on the Gauley and New Rivers in West Virginia and some from easier rivers in Pennsylvania as well.

Light refreshments will be served; please feel free to bring your favorite reusable cup and napkin. For more information on this program, contact Shelli Dimarco at (615) 260-0030. (Enter the Radnor Lake area on Otter Creek Road, accessible only from Granny White Pike.) Non-members are always welcome!

UPPER CUMBERLAND GROUP (Knoxville)

PROGRAM MEETING: Contact Peggy Evans at 931-432-6680 or maevans@TWLakes.net for more information on program meeting dates and times.

CHICKASAW GROUP (Memphis)

MONTHLY MEMBERS GATHERING: Thursday, September 1, 2005, 6:00 - 8:00pm, Otherlands, 641 South Cooper, Memphis, Tennessee. Join us for Chickasaw Group’s “FIRST THURSDAY” monthly gathering where Sierra Club members, activists and friends can meet in a casual setting to talk about issues and interests. Contact Membership Chair Jill Johnston at (901) 278-2713 for more information.

STRATEGY MEETING: Monday, September 12, 2005 - 6:30pm, Prescott Memorial Baptist Church, 961 Gerwoll, Memphis, Tennessee. This meeting of the Executive Committee is open also to all members of the Sierra Club. Contact Group Chair Charlie Rond (by September 9 to place items on the agenda) at (901) 409-8150.

MONTHLY THIRD TUESDAY: Tuesday, September 20, 2005, 6:00 - 8:00pm, Cafe Fransisco, 400 North Main, Memphis, Tennessee. Join us for Chickasaw Group’s “Third Tuesday” monthly gathering where Sierra Club members, activists and friends can meet in a casual setting to talk about issues and interests. For more information, contact Membership Chair Jill Johnston at (901) 278-2713.

PROGRAM MEETING: Wednesday, September 28, 2005, 6:00 pm - Memphis Public Library and Information Center, 3030 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. The September meeting will be led by Sierra Club Environmental Justice Coordinator Rita Harris and will deal with the “low-level nuclear waste” plans and operations of Radiological Assistance, Consulting and Engineering, a company which calls itself R.A.C.E. The R.A.C.E. operations are opposed by a number of groups, including the Riverview Neighborhood Collaborative, an organization called “Memphis Truth”, and the Chickasaw Group of the Sierra Club. For more information, contact Judith Rutschman at (901) 767-5916 or Charlie Rond at (901) 452-8150.

TELEVISION PROGRAM: Mondays 1:30 pm; Tuesdays 4:00 pm and Wednesday 11:30 am, Wednesday 11:00 pm, Thursday 7:00am WYFL-Channel 18 - “The Nature of Conservation,” is the Sierra Club’s Chickasaw Group TV Program hosted by Judith Rutschman. In August Sierra Club Environmental Justice Coordinator Rita Harris will again review the so-called “low-level nuclear waste” disposal plans of the Radiological Assistance, Consulting and Engineering company which calls itself R.A.C.E. For the July program Judith interviewed Allan Lummus who discussed the issue of Framing: Politics, Values and Communication. Lummus, a research specialist with the Department of Preventive Medicine, in the UT College of Medicine, defined framing and its importance in communicating with the general public. He used the concept of smart growth as an example of how environmentalists can frame the concept to achieve goals. A different program is aired usually each month, with the program repeating every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday throughout the month. If any groups or individuals in the community have a special problem or concern, or would like to see a program on a special issue or subject, please contact Judith Rutschman at (901) 767-5916.

CHARLESTON, SC MAYOR JOE RILEY TO SPEAK IN MEMPHIS: Wednesday, September 21, 2005, 12:00 Noon at Bridges Inc. at 477 N. Fifth Street, Memphis, TN. Widely considered one of the most visionary and highly effective governments leaders in America, Joe Riley has served as Mayor of Charleston, S. C. for 30 years. Under his leadership, Charleston has focused on the beauty of its city and the quality of life for every resident. Mayor Riley, co-founder of the Mayors’ Institute on City Design, has received the Presidential Award for Design Excellence for public housing, the Urban Land Institute J. C. Nichols Prize for Visionaries in Urban Development, and the American Architectural Foundation Keystone Award for exemplary leadership in using architecture to transform a community. Mayor Riley will be speaking at a luncheon in Memphis at Bridges Inc. at 477 N. Fifth Street to tell us what he did, how, why, and the results. Tickets are $20 and may be purchased at 529-9828 or at www.friendsforourriverfront.org. Mayor Riley’s visit is part of Architecture Month and is sponsored by the American Institute of Architects, Friends for Our Riverfront, and Memphis Heritage. The link for the form is: http://www.friendsforourriverfront.org/Riley_ticket_order_form_rev.pdf. When you fill out the form, please state that you want to sit with James Baker and the other members of the Chickasaw Group.

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If you would like to be active in the Save Our Smokies campaign, please contact Beverly Smith at 865/531-8480 or bsmith1300@comcast.com.

Your help would be greatly appreciated!
Submitted by
James Baker, Chickasaw Group

In late July, the Tennessee Chapter conducted its Summer Retreat and Meeting at Sterchi Lodge in the Appalachian Mountains on the North Carolina - Tennessee border. Great weather and an inviting deck allowed both sessions of the meeting to be conducted out-of-doors. In addition, aerial entertainment was provided by many Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds that were attracted to several feeders located below the second-story deck. On more than one occasion, meeting attendees would duck when two or more hummingbirds - locked in aerial combat - would zoom past their heads at full throttle.

If you missed the Summer Retreat, you missed a great chance to get away from the city, and partake of food and fellowship with your fellow Tennessee Chapter members.

There is still one more chance in 2005. Please attend the Fall Chapter Retreat at Pickett State Park, October 28-30, 2005.
Ten Essentials for Hiking

All participants in Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver before you participate, please refer to: http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/SignInWaiver. PDF, or call 415-977-5630, for a printed version.

Transportation to the outing, including carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar, is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Sierra Club Outings offer a variety of wilderness and near-wilderness experiences. It is important to realize that while all trips are guided by a leader, it is ultimately the responsibility of the individual to operate in a safe manner. To this end, the following is a list of essential items, which should be modified according to the particular type of outing. These are:

1. Adequate map
2. First aid kit
3. Compass
4. Rain gear
5. Extra clothing (it is a good idea to always have a wool hat)
6. Matches
7. Knife
8. Flashlight
9. Extra food, water
10. The tenth essential. You decide what is the most important thing to bring!

Harvey Broome Group
(Knoxville)
Sept 10-11, 2005 (Sat-Sun), Car camp - Cataloochee. Enjoy their annual apple butter making along with the elk bugling and short hikes or hikes in the valley. Pre-register with Priscilla Watts, 865-966-4142.

Sept 17, 2005 (Sat), Dayhike - John Muir Trail, Cherokee National Forest. Hike the John Muir Trail in the Hiwassee Ranger District. The trail follows the bank of the Hiwassee River, an easy path along a beautiful river. We will hike past the Big Bend canoes access. Approximately 8 mile round trip, pre-register with, Ed Soller, 690-4780(H).

Sept 24-25, 2005 (Sat-Sun). Backpack - Laurel Fork, Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area. Laurel Fork is one of the prettiest streams in the NSF, and has the benefit of being a hike-only route. We’ll start upstream, at the Middle Creek Trailhead, and make our way 13.1 miles downstream to the Big South Fork River and the Station Camp area, where a stained canoe will be used to get everyone across the river. There will be lots of creek fords, and wonderful Cumberland Plateau scenery, from rock cliffs to pools and waterfalls. Rated Moderate. Pre-register with Will Skelton: Home 523-2272, Work 521-0363; email whshome@bellsouth.net.

Cherokee Group (Chattanooga)
For information on upcoming outings, contact Chris O’Connor at chris_o77@yahoo.com or visit our web site at http://www.tennessee.sierrclub.org/cherokee/index.htm

Middle Tennessee Group (Nashville)
Sat.-Mon., September 3-5 Labor Day Weekend Backpack For those of you who enjoy getting away from the crowds in the Smokies, this trip is for you! We’ll meet at Clingman’s Dome on Saturday morning and hike to Andrews Bald. From there, we’ll continue down the Forney Ridge Trail and camp at #71. On Sunday, we’ll hike the Forney Creek Trail spending the night at campsite #68. Monday we’ll complete our loop hike at Clingman’s Dome parking lot. Rated strenuous for distance and elevation gain. Trip size limited to 8 people. Contact Katherine by September 1 if interested in participating in this trip. For information and to register contact Katherine Pendleton at 615-360-3481 or email at katbug1959@aol.com.

Saturday, September 10 Beaman Park Volunteers are needed to do some trail work at Beaman Park, located in NW Davidson County. Start at 8:00 AM. Bring your own gloves, tools, and refreshments. You will get dirty! Register with Linda Smithyman at 615-822-1979 or email at lsmithymanbhb@yahoo.com.

Saturday, September 15 Dyer Observatory Join us for public viewing night at Dyer Observatory near Radnor Lake. It may be crowded but this is a free event to view the stars with other Sierra Club folks. Register with Linda Smithyman at 615-822-1979 or email at lsmithymanbhb@yahoo.com.

Saturday, September 17 Full Moon Hike Join Linda as she leads about a relatively easy 4 mile full moon hike at Beaman Park in NW Davidson County. Meet at 7:00 PM in the upper parking lot. Prior registration is a must! Bring your own flashlight and extra batteries! We will be out about 9 PM. Register with Linda Smithyman at 615-822-1979 or email at lsmithymanbhb@yahoo.com.

Thursday, September 22 After Work Hike-Mossy Ridge Come out and celebrate the first day of Autumn as we shake off the cares of the day hiking the Mossy Ridge Trail in Edwin Warner Park. This is a moderate to strenuous 4.5 mile hike. Wear hiking shoes and bring water. Pre-register by September 21 with Katherine Pendleton at 615-360-3481 or email at katbug1959@aol.com

Saturday, September 24 Wetland Tour Come out on an educational wetland tour at 8:00 AM taught by Jane Bilbrey at USN in NW Davidson County. The Conservation Committee is working on a wetland project and this tour is of significant importance to us! Register with Linda Smithyman at 615-822-1979 or email at lsmithymanbhb@yahoo.com

Chickasaw Group (Memphis)
Saturday, September 10, 2005, 8:30am - Strawberry Plains Hummingbird Festival and Hike, Holly Springs Mississippi. Plan to attend a hummingbird banding, festival and Chickasaw Group table at Strawberry Plains, now home to the Audubon Society of Mississippi. This is the hummingbird migration season and there will be lots of chances to view the birds and watch as they are banded and released. There are interpretive speakers, Nature Fair, & food vendors. Bring lunch or buy it at the Center for a group picnic. The Society looks up at the old Audubon House. Parking is $5.00/car. Our plan is to ride together and share the cost of parking. For more information go to www.msaudubon.com. Meet at the Starbucks coffee shop in Collierville. Judith Hammond 901-276-2819.

Saturday, September 10, 2005, 10:00 am - The Old Forest Trail, Overton Park, Memphis, Tennessee. “Second Saturday Hikes” Explore the only urban old growth forest of its kind in America. Learn about the history of the Big trees and wildflowers and observe firsthand the impact of natural and human forces on forests in an urban setting. Meet at the bridge next to the parking lot at the end of Old Forest Lane in the center of Overton Park. The informative and entertaining trail map to the self-guided mile-and-a-quarter mile loop hike with seasonal bird watching and wildflower-viewing guides is available for free at the Golf House in Overton Park at other times. For additional information, contact Don Richardson at (901) 276-1387. Sponsored by Park Friends.

Saturday, September 24, 2005 - 10:00am – Mississippi River Walk and Museum Tour, Tunica, Mississippi. Carolyn Pierce will lead a joint Sierra Club and Tennessee Trails Association hike along the Mississippi River Walk located at Tunica, south of Memphis, Tennessee. Meet the group at 10am in the parking lot at the Tunica River Park. From there follow a two-mile “eco-trail” that winds through a wetland forest, which is part of the $25 million development. Price for the Museum is $5 per person. Unlike Memphis, the trail is directly alongside the river rather than down a bluff. It is a distinctly different experience from a Memphis view of the river and there is an abundance of wildlife along the trail. For more information contact Carolyn Pierce at (901) 755-5635.

Friday - Sunday, September 30-October 2, 2005 – Sierra Club Outings/Leadership Conference, Cedars of Lebanon State Park, Lebanon, Tennessee. The Sierra Club will host an Outings and Leadership Conference, open to all members, at Cedars of Lebanon State Park. If you are a Sierra Club outings leader, or you want to become one, this interactive and educational workshop is for you. Space is limited, so sign-up soon. This training event is sponsored by the National Outdoor Activities Training Program and is the ONLY outings leader training workshop in the region this year. Check-in is at 4pm on Friday, Sep. 30 and ends with a lunch and raffle Sunday, Oct. 2. Cost of $45 entitles you to the training, all meals, snacks, lodging, materials, raffle entry and an Outings T-shirt. For more information contact Judith Hammond at (901) 276-2819.
**Outings Leader Training Workshop**

*Where:* The Group Lodge at the Cedars of Lebanon State Park in Lebanon, TN  
*When:* **September 30-October 2, 2005**  
**Friday:** Check-in begins at 4pm. Dinner served at 6pm  
**Saturday:** Programming all day and early evening  
**Sunday:** Workshop ends with lunch and raffle at 1:15pm  
*Cost:* $45 All meals, snacks, lodging (bunk style), materials, raffle entry, and Outings t-shirt.

If you're a Sierra Club outings leader or you want to become one, this interactive and educational workshop is for you. Space is limited; so sign up soon!

Leader training is a never-ending process, so whether you're an old hand or have never led before, you're invited to attend a weekend of interactive learning, networking with leaders from all outings programs, and of course, lots of fun.

**REGISTRATION INFO**

- Online at [http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/training/](http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/training/) (includes plenty of other information too)  
- 3 other ways to register (include name(s), address, telephone #, email, membership #, and workshop # 05997A)

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Sierra Club Outings  
85 Second Street, 2nd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94105

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Monday–Friday, 8:30–5, PST

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Limited to 50 people - first come, first served. Questions? Contact the Sierra Club Outdoor Activities Training Manager at outings.training@sierraclub.org or at (415) 977-5711

**WHAT'S THIS WORKSHOP ALL ABOUT ANYWAY?**

- The goals of this weekend workshop are to learn and enhance leadership skills, to bring people and programs together to share and exchange ideas, to welcome new outdoor leaders, to learn what it takes to lead for other outings programs of the Sierra Club, and once again, to have a lot of fun.

- The purpose of the workshop is to bring together new and seasoned leaders from ICO (Inner City Outings), GCO (Group & Chapter Outings), and NO (National Outings). The agenda for the workshop will encompass an extensive array of leadership topics presented in both group and breakout formats.

> "Trying to learn to be a leader by using your intellectual skills only - by sticking to hard-edged, quantifiable stuff - is like owning a TV that tunes to only one channel: there's no way you can get the full range of information and insights you need. Making the head/heart connection not only provides information and insights that will make your trips safer and more likely to reach their goals, it also provides richer, fuller, and more personal experiences for everybody involved."  
> - John Graham, author of Outdoor Leadership

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**Place:** Cohutta Springs Conference Center, **Date:** October 21-23, 2005.

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