

November 5, 2008

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SUBJECT: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE COMBINED LICENSE  
APPLICATION FOR THE BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AND  
ASSOCIATED FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE

Dear Mr. Harpster:

On October 10, 2008, you tendered a combined license application (COLA) for a single unit of the U.S Evolutionary Power reactor (U.S. EPR) design to be located seven miles northeast of Berwick township, in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. This proposed plant is to be designated Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP).

In an October 10, 2008, letter you stated that you were submitting the COLA pursuant to the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants," Subpart C, "Combined Licenses," and that the application incorporates, by reference, the design certification application for the US EPR submitted to NRC by AREVA NP on December 11, 2007.

The NRC staff acknowledges receipt of your application and plans to complete an acceptance review of the application. If the staff finds your application to be acceptable, we will docket the application. The staff plans to make its determination on acceptability for docketing by December 15, 2008. To the extent possible, the staff will communicate with you as issues arise during the acceptance review.

Enclosed is the notice that will be forwarded to the Office of the Federal Register to inform the public of receipt and availability of the subject application.

If your application is found to be acceptable, the NRC staff will publish a schedule for review of the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant COLA within 30 days of completion of the acceptance review. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (301) 415-0737 or by email at [michael.canova@nrc.gov](mailto:michael.canova@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

PPL BELL BEND, LLC

NOTICE OF RECEIPT AND AVAILABILITY OF

APPLICATION FOR A COMBINED LICENSE

On October 10, 2008, PPL Bell Bend LLC (PPL) filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 52, "Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants," an application for a combined license (COL) for an evolutionary power reactor (US EPR) nuclear power plant at their Berwick site adjacent to the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. The reactor is to be identified as the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant.

An applicant may seek a COL in accordance with Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 52. The information submitted by the applicant includes certain administrative information such as financial qualifications submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 52.77, as well as technical information submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 52.79.

Subsequent *Federal Register* notices will address the acceptability of the tendered COL application for docketing and provisions for participation of the public in the COL review process.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and via the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

The accession number for the application letter is ML082880580. Future publicly available documents related to the application will also be posted in ADAMS.

Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov). The application is also available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col.html>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of October, 2008

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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