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Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce

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Re: Proposed construction of Bell Bend Nuclear Plant

Dear Mr. Canova:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Greater Pittston Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to furnish this letter of support for the proposed construction of the Bell Bend Nuclear Plant.

It is anticipated that the construction of the nuclear unit will create thousands of construction and hundreds of new permanent jobs, which will ultimately strengthen the economic climate of the region.

The collective efforts of our Chamber and PPL have brought needed improvements in our region's economy and many other areas of community life. Few of these advances could have been accomplished on an individual basis.

We strongly encourage the Commission to approve this project and would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

ROSEMARY DESSOYE Executive Vice-President

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Cc: Richard R. Beasley