

## berwick industrial development association

September 15, 2008

Mr. Michael A. Canova, Project Manager EPR Project Branch - Mailstop T-7E18 Division of New Reactor Licensing Office of New Reactors 11545 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852-2738

Dear Mr. Canova:

I am writing to you in my role as the Executive Director of the Greater Berwick Area's three economic development agencies.

These three entities support construction of the proposed Bell Bend nuclear plant predicted upon the following reasons:

- ♦ A Bell Bend nuclear unit would create thousands of construction jobs, and hundreds of new permanent jobs, both of which would benefit the economic health of the Greater Berwick Area and the surrounding Region.
- ♦ A Bell Bend nuclear unit would also create a significant ripple effect throughout the entire local economy. This will certainly have a positive effect upon the housing market, retail businesses, and service providers such as restaurants and hotels.
- Historically, PPL and its employees have consistently supported the Area in many ways, thus insuring that this locale is a better place for people to live and work. This enhances the viability of the entire Greater Berwick Area as a location to those industries contemplating an expansion or relocation.
- ◆ PPL has consistently been a strong supporter of the Area's economic development efforts. The utility has assisted our economic development groups via financial contributions, and having had its employees serve as members of our boards of directors.
- An essential element in attracting new industry to our Region is a robust electricity infrastructure. In order for the Greater Berwick Area to grow and prosper we need new sources of electric generation.

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- ♦ Nuclear units can provide the required electricity without adding greenhouse gas emissions.
- Nuclear energy has been a part of our Community for the past 25 years. We support nuclear energy, and based upon our collective experience would welcome a new, advanced design plant in the Greater Berwick Area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Stephen E. Phillips, Executive Director