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Dear Mr. Canova:

Pennsylvania Power & Light (PPL) has submitted a Combined License Application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a new nuclear energy unit – Bell Bend – near the existing Susquehanna Nuclear Power Plant in Salem Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

I am writing to express my strong support of this application as construction of this facility will greatly increase the electricity infrastructure that is essential to attract industry in the area that I represent. In addition, with electricity use projected to grow by at least 2% annually in the Mid-Atlantic region, the new reactor will help meet this need, as well as provide enough power for over 1 million homes.

Equally as important, the building of the new power plant will provide approximately 4,000 construction jobs and 400 permanent jobs to operate and maintain the facility which will help fuel our local economy.

Nuclear energy has been a part of our community for the past 25 years and PPL has been a good corporate citizen by encouraging its employees to volunteer in community activities and by providing numerous charitable contributions to local organizations.

I am hopeful that this application will be favorably reviewed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John R. Gordner".

JOHN R. GORDNER