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Mr. Michael A. Canova, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Canova:

One of the great assets of Northeastern Pennsylvania has been the availability of dependable electric service. Our continued successes in attracting new industry demands new sources of electric generation.

Accordingly, I support the construction of the Bell Bend nuclear unit which will provide the additional electricity that we need to support our continued economic growth.

I would also add that the Bell Bend nuclear unit has the advantage of not being dependent on foreign oil and can generate electricity without adding greenhouse gases to our atmosphere.

As an economic development organization, I must also note the construction employment generated will provide positive effects throughout our economy.

Our long-term relationship with the PPL organization and the operation of its nuclear facility here for the past 25 years make us comfortable with the safe operation and community contributions of both; I welcome a new advanced-design plan here.

Sincerely,

Austin J. Burke
Director, The Scranton Plan

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