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Re: Bell Bend Nuclear Unit

Dear Mr. Canova,

EMARR is a non-profit organization dedicated to the reclamation of mine scared lands and acid mine discharge abatement. The coal mining legacy along with lost manufacturing jobs and the rise in low paying distribution jobs in the Middle Anthracite Region has resulted in a below normal economic climate for lower Luzerne and adjacent counties. We support the construction of the Bell Bend Nuclear Plant for these reasons

- A robust electricity infrastructure is an essential element in attracting new industry to a region. We need new sources of electric generation for this area to grow and prosper.
- Nuclear units provide needed electricity without adding greenhouse gas emissions.
- A Bell Bend nuclear unit would create thousands of construction jobs and hundreds of new permanent jobs, which would benefit the economic health of this area and the surrounding region.
- A Bell Bend nuclear unit would create a significant ripple effect throughout the local economy that will help the housing market, retail businesses and service providers such as restaurants and hotels.
- PPL and its employees support the community in many ways, making the area a better place for people to live and work. This in turn makes the area more attractive to industries considering locating or expanding their operations here.

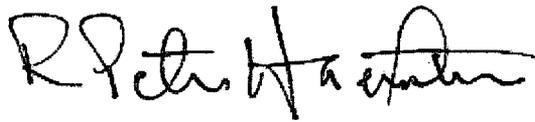
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- PPL has been a strong supporter of economic development with environmental sensitivity and has helped EMARR by providing financial support and participating on our Board of Directors.
- The Susquehanna SES has been in our back yard for the past 25 years. We support nuclear energy and, based on our experience, would welcome a new advanced-design plant here.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Haentjens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal line across the middle.

Peter Haentjens
Executive director