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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:

As CEO of the Berwick Area United Way, I am very familiar with the Berwick area and the needs of our community. The most pressing need is for good jobs with benefits. Construction and subsequent operation of a new Bell Bend nuclear unit would create thousands of jobs in an area which desperately needs them. When the Susquehanna plant was built, the Berwick area was changed for the better and I expect that an addition to the existing facility would have the same positive.

In addition, PPL Susquehanna has been an exemplary neighbor. Not only do the plant employees support our annual United Way campaign, but corporate giving often matches what we receive from employees. Last year, PPL contributed 45% of our total campaign. But it isn't just the money. PPL employees are involved in every aspect of our community as volunteers in non-profits agencies, area churches, the local governments, youth sports and so much more. They truly exemplify the good neighbor standard.

As an occasional visitor to the plant, I am consistently impressed by the care and professional demonstrated by PPL employees. Their ability gives me confidence in the plant's operation and little concern for my safety and that of my family, even though we live about 3 miles from the plant.

I support the development of the Bell Bend plant and the future of safe, efficient nuclear energy. Thank you.

Yours very truly

Joy E. Medinnis, CEO