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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATED TO THE
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR THE COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION
FOR BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

Dear Mr. Sgarro:

This letter presents requests for additional information (RAIs) for the subject environmental review. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) requests that PPL Bell Bend, LLC (PPL) provide technically correct and complete responses to these RAIs, including all information requested in the RAIs, within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter. However, for any RAI that cannot be fully answered in this time, please respond within the 30-day period with a date for submitting the requested information, so that the NRC staff can assess how its environmental review schedule would be affected.

Enclosure 1 presents the RAIs developed by the NRC staff based on its review of the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP) combined license (COL) application environmental report, the alternative sites visit conducted in March 2009, and the site audit conducted in April 2009.

In a letter (ML082320446) dated December 29, 2008, the NRC accepted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (USACE) as a cooperating agency for preparing the NRC's environmental impact statement (EIS) for the BBNPP COL environmental review, in accordance with a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the NRC and USACE dated September 12, 2008 (ML082540354). Enclosure 2 contains the RAIs generated by the USACE under this MOU to support documentation in the EIS that meets the USACE's disclosure and decision-making requirements.

Please provide the RAI responses to the NRC in two separate packages, each under oath or affirmation—one for the responses to the NRC staff RAIs and the other exclusively for the responses to the USACE RAIs.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact me at (301) 415-2462 or by email at Stacey.Imboden@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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