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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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**BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
SCHEDULE UPDATE: ENVIRONMENTAL
RAIs MET 2.7-1 AND USACE-2f
BNP-2011-046 Docket No. 52-039**

- References: 1) Letter from R. R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC) to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, BNP-2010-284, "Environmental Request for Additional Information USACE-2f and MET 2.7-1 Extension Request," dated October 27, 2010
- 2) Letter from R. R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC) to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, BNP-2010-327, "Environmental Request for Additional Information MET 2.7-1 Extension Request," dated December 15, 2010

The purpose of this letter is to inform the staff that additional time is required to finalize the responses to Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) MET 2.7-1 and USACE-2f. Schedule information for these RAI responses was previously provided by References 1 and 2.

PPL is in the process of assessing issues related to future disposal of excavated materials during construction of BBNPP. More of this material than originally planned will be deposited onsite, in areas that are not safety-related and have low environmental impact. The final response to MET 2.7-1 is dependent on the outcome of this assessment due to its potential impact on the air conformity report. The schedule for the completion of the air conformity report will be better defined by March 30, 2011. Therefore, PPL will provide the schedule for transmitting the MET 2.7-1 response on or before March 30, 2011.

Additional time is also required to transmit the RAI response for USACE-2f due to an ongoing update of the Bell Bend permit matrix. The USACE-2f response will be transmitted on or before April 6, 2011.

The first new regulatory commitment in this letter is to submit the MET 2.7-1 response schedule on or before March 30, 2011. The second new regulatory commitment in this letter is to submit the response to RAI USACE-2f on or before April 6, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 570-802-8102.

Respectfully,

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