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ATTN: Document Control Desk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

**BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL REQUESTS FOR
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
USACE-2, USACE-2a, USACE-2f, USACE-
2h, USACE-3, TE 2.4-8, and MET 2.7-1
BNP-2011-069 Docket No. 52-039**

- References:
- 1) R. R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC) to Document Control Desk (NRC),
Submittal of BBNPP RAI Schedule Information, BNP-2010-155, dated
August 4, 2010
 - 2) R. R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC) to Document Control Desk (NRC),
Environmental Requests for Additional Information TE 2.4-7 and TE 2.4-8
Extension Request, BNP-2010-184, dated August 12, 2010
 - 3) R. R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC) to Document Control Desk (NRC),
Schedule Update: Environmental RAIs MET 2.7-1 and USACE-2f, BNP-2011-
046, dated February 15, 2011
 - 4) R. R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC) to Document Control Desk (NRC),
Extension Requests for Environmental Requests for Additional Information
USACE-2 and USACE-2a, BNP-2011-048, dated February 25, 2011

The purpose of this letter is to notify the staff that additional time is required to finalize the responses to Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) USACE-2, -2a, -2f, -2h, -3, TE 2.4-8, and MET 2.7-1. Reference 1 provided schedule information for USACE-2h and -3. Reference 2 provided schedule information for TE 2.4-8. Reference 3 provided schedule information for USACE-2f and MET 2.7-1. Reference 4 provided schedule information for USACE-2 and USACE-2a.

As the staff is aware, PPL is preparing a Joint Permit Application (JPA) for the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant. Information being requested in USACE-2, -2a, -2f, -2h, and -3 is an integral part of the JPA. Accordingly, PPL plans to close these items at the time of the JPA submittal, which will provide the answers to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) RAIs. The JPA is currently planned to be submitted by June 30, 2011. TE 2.4-8 requests a copy of the wetlands jurisdiction determination forms or equivalent when completed. The TE 2.4-8 response will also be submitted by June 30, 2011.

Reference 3 indicated that 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

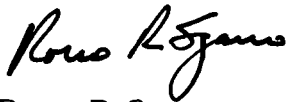
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planned will be deposited onsite, in areas that are not safety-related and have low environmental impact. The final response to MET 2.7-1 is dependent on the outcome of this assessment due to its potential impact on the air conformity report. The MET 2.7-1 response will be transmitted on or before November 9, 2011.

The first new regulatory commitment in this letter is to answer RAIs USACE-2, -2a, -2f, -2h, and -3 at the time of the JPA submittal to the USACE, by June 30, 2011. The second new regulatory commitment is to submit the TE 2.4-8 response by June 30, 2011. The third new regulatory commitment in this letter is to submit the response to MET 2.7-1 on or before November 9, 2011.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact the undersigned at 570.802.8102.

Respectfully,



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