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**BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
COLA SCHEDULE INFORMATION
BNP-2011-181 Docket No. 52-039**

PPL Bell Bend, LLC (PPL) is in the process of revising our schedule for submitting information to the NRC in support of the NRC's review of the Combined License Application (COLA) for the proposed Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP). The purpose of this letter is to update the staff on our efforts.

Over the past year, PPL has been providing supplements to the COLA that reflect the results of evaluations stemming from our decision to relocate the plant footprint within the project boundary. PPL made this decision in order to substantially avoid impacts to wetlands, which in turn has significantly reduced the environmental impact of the project.

For the balance of 2011, we have decided to focus our efforts on actions that will facilitate completion of NRC's efforts to develop a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for BBNPP. To accomplish this, we will produce a complete revision to the BBNPP Environmental Report (Part 3 of the COLA), which will incorporate updates to previously answered environmental RAIs to reflect the effects of the relocation, and provide answers to all outstanding NRC environmental Requests for Additional Information (RAIs). There are currently eight remaining environmental RAIs: TE 4.3-1, TE 4.3-2, TE 4.3-7, TE 4.3-10, MET 2.7-1, LU 4.1-1, LU 5.1-1, and LU 5.1-2.

PPL will submit the revised Environmental Report to the NRC on or before December 19, 2011. Accordingly, this letter supersedes all previously submitted schedule information for the remaining environmental RAIs listed above.

Work is also ongoing to rebaseline our schedule for the complete COLA that integrates the environmental work discussed above with the tasks necessary to support the NRC's safety review, including remaining relocation updates, outstanding RAI responses, and incorporation of U.S. EPR FSAR revisions and Reference COLA generic text revisions.

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PPL plans to have this integrated schedule completed by November 5, 2011. We will review our progress with our NRC Project Manager during our normal weekly conference calls, as well as upon completion in support of a formal update to the NRC safety review schedule for the BBNPP COLA.

This letter creates one new commitment to submit PPL's responses to the eight remaining Environmental RAIs on or before December 19, 2011:

- TE 4.3-1
- TE 4.3-2
- TE 4.3-7
- TE 4.3-10
- MET 2.7-1
- LU 4.1-1
- LU 5.1-1
- LU 5.1-2

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 570.802.8102.

Respectfully,



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