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Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE  
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

RE: ER# 81-0658-079-GG  
NRC: Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant Expansion Project, Wapwallopen Field View, Conyngham Twp., Luzerne Co.

Dear Mr. Tuk:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation as revised in 1999 and 2004. These regulations require consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

Thank you for meeting with staff members Ann Safley and April Frantz at Wapwallopen on 22 September 2011. This visit helped to clarify the integrity of the village and understand its history. While there are many nice houses, most have experienced changes such as vinyl siding and loss of decorative detail. As a whole, the village is not intact enough to convey architectural significance or support other areas of significance. It is the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer that the Wapwallopen Historic District is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

The site visit also clarified that the visibility of the proposed new cooling tower from the historic resources will be minimal due to the new tower's proposed location west of, behind, the existing two cooling towers. Therefore, based on the available information, the identified National Register eligible or listed historic buildings, structures, districts, or objects listed below, located in the project's Area of Potential Effect, will not be adversely affected by the proposed project.

Union Reformed and Lutheran Church, Key# 155049;  
A.K. Harter Farm; Woodcrest, Key# 155052  
Pennsylvania Canal, North Branch, Key# 141673

If you need further assistance in this matter, contact Ann Safley at (717) 787-9121.

Sincerely

Andrea L. MacDonald, Chief  
Division of Preservation Services

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