Management Summary Phase II National Register Evaluation Site 36LU301

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I. Introduction and Project Overview

Project Summary

GAI Consultants, Inc. (GAI) conducted a Phase II National Register Evaluation of Site 36LU301, located within the proposed Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP) project area in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, for PPL Bell Bend, LLC (PPL) (Figure 1, Photograph 1). The overall BBNPP project area is situated adjacent to PPL's existing Susquehanna Steam Electric Station (SSES). PPL proposes construction of a nuclear power generation unit in this locality. Site 36LU301 was identified during GAI's Second Supplemental Phase Ib investigation of the BBNPP project area, conducted in 2010. Based on results of the Phase Ib survey and review by the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission/Bureau for Historic Preservation (PHMC/BHP), the site was recommended as potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Phase II fieldwork was performed between June 24 and July 27, 2011.



Photograph 1. Site 36LU301 Overview showing Surface Collection Activities, Facing East

The purpose of GAI's Phase II study was to investigate this potentially-eligible archaeological site in order to conclusively evaluate the site's NRHP eligibility and to provide recommendations on the need for further archaeological investigations. This management summary presents preliminary results of GAI's Phase II investigation. Final results of the study (including recommendations of site eligibility and the need for additional work, if necessary) will be provided in a subsequent Phase II Technical Report.

Phase II investigations were conducted in accordance with GAI's May 13, 2011 Scope of Work. Based on interim field results, which documented over 200 possible features (soil anomalies) on the surface of plowzone stripped trenches, and subsequent consultation with Brad Wise (PPL) and Steve McDougal (PHMC-BHP), the work was expanded to include sampling of these possible features. The scope of Supplemental Phase II work was summarized in a July 15, 2011, e-mail to Brad Wise.

Site 36LU301 is situated on a broad upland flat approximately 91 meters (300 feet) north of Walker Run, in the western portion of the BBNPP project area (see Figure 1, see Photograph 2). Based on the results of Phase II investigations, the site measures 140x210 meters (459x689 feet) and occupies the southern portion of a large cultivated field, as well as a small section of the adjacent farmyard, northwest of a right-angle bend in North Market



