

Enclosure 4

Letter and Tabular Response to Ms Barbara DeRonde E-mail Comments of
February 22, 2012 and March 23, 2012.

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**BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PN-12-07
RESPONSES TO PUBLIC NOTICE COMMENTS
BNP-2012-181 Docket No. 52-039**

Dear Ms. DeRonde:

By letter dated May 21, 2012, the US Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE), Baltimore District forwarded to PPL Nuclear Development a copy of all comments received in response to a Public Notice (PN-12-07) related to their consideration of issuing a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit for the proposed Bell Bend project.

I am providing you with a copy of PPL Nuclear Development's responses to the ACOE to address the concerns you raised during the public comment period (Enclosure 1).

A Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 permit will allow the Bell Bend Project to discharge dredged or fill material into Waters of the United States.

The ACOE has stated that, "The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economic, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, and consideration of property ownership and in general, the needs and welfare of the people."

The ACOE Public Notice is only a summary of PPL Nuclear Development's plans with regard to matters under their jurisdiction. Much more detail regarding the plans has been provided to the ACOE in our application for the 404 permit. This information is available for review by contacting the Corps directly or at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission website: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The individual binders can be found at the following addresses. Just enter the Binder access number in the search field and press search.

Binder No.	Access No.
Binder 1	ML122130304
Binder 1A	ML121920183
Binder 1B	ML121920658
Binder 1C	ML121930038
Binder 2	ML121940124
Binder 3	ML122050244
Binder 4	ML122010921

I have attached per your request the consultant report regarding PPL Nuclear Development's proposed groundwater withdrawal (Enclosure 2).

Although PPL Nuclear Development has made no final decision on whether to build the Bell Bend nuclear plant, we continue to move forward with the licensing process. I hope the information provided helps to alleviate your concerns.

Respectfully,



Gary Petrewski

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Enclosures: 1) PPL Nuclear Development's Response to Barbara J. DeRonde's comments
2) Sargent & Lundy, LLC, "Construction Dewatering Design, Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant, Unistar Nuclear Energy, Non-Safety-Related," Report No. SL-009665, Revision 3, November 18, 2011.