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BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT RESPONSE TO TECHNICAL DEFICIENCIES DEP APPLICATION No. E40-720 BNP-2013-007 Docket No. 52-039

References: 1) PADEP-2012-305, K. White (PADEP) to T. Harpster (PPL), "Technical Deficiencies, DEP Application No. E40-720, APS No. 753143, Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant, Salem Township, Luzerne County", dated December 19, 2012.

2) BNP-2011-207, R. Sgarro (PPL) to J. Buczynski (PADEP) and A. Elliot (USACE), "Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant Joint Permit Application and Request for Water Quality Certification, Rev 1", dated November 21, 2011.

This letter is in response to reference 1) from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) identifying technical deficiencies in reference 2) the Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit portion of the Joint Permit Application. Our response to this deficiency letter is provided in the Enclosure, "DEP Application No. E40-720 Technical Deficiency Response". Three copies of the response are being provided as requested.

Please do not hesitate to contact Gary Petrewski of our staff [610-774-5996 or <u>gpetrewski@pplweb.com</u>] directly should you have any questions regarding this submittal.

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Enclosure: DEP Application No. E40-720 Technical Deficiency Response (3 copies)

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