

July 25, 2013

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SUBJECT: PPL BELL BEND, LLC - REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE FOR BELL BEND COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Caverly:

By letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated April 12, 2013, you submitted an affidavit executed on that same date by Rocco R. Sgarro, Director, Regulatory Affairs, PPL Bell Bend, LLC,, requesting that information contained in the following application submittal be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Part 2, Section 2.390:

Revision 4 to the Combined License Application (COLA) for the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP).

A nonproprietary copy of this document has been placed in the NRC Public Document Room and added to the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room as submission 10 of your application (ADAMS Accession No. ML13120A306).

The affidavit stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

- The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is owned by PPL Bell Bend, LLC, its affiliates or third parties to whom PPL Bell Bend has an obligation to maintain its confidentiality and has been held in confidence by PPL Bell Bend, LLC.
- The information is of the type that would customarily be held in confidence by PPL Bell Bend, LLC. The information that PPL Bell Bend, LLC is requesting to be withheld from public disclosure is PPL Bell Bend, LLC's cost projections for construction, fuel supply, and operating costs for the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant. PPL Bell Bend, LLC limits access to these cost projections to those with a "need to know" subject to maintaining confidentiality. Public disclosure of these cost projections is likely to harm PPL Bell Bend, LLC because it would allow other contractors, vendors, and competitors to understand PPL Bell Bend, LLC's competitive expectations and position prior to securing necessary contracts and services at competitive prices.

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The NRC has reviewed this application, as well as PPL Bell Bend LLC.s previous application submissions which contained 10 CFR 2.390 affidavits (Accession Nos. ML082880580, ML090710441, ML101880709 and ML12118A360) addressing the subject material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, the version(s) of the submitted information marked as proprietary will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. The NRC staff will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the NRC. You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-1439

Sincerely,

/RA/

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