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SUBJECT: BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT COMBINED LICENSE  
APPLICATION - REQUEST TO WITHHOLD SAFETY REVIEW

Dear Mr. Sgarro:

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Consistent with PPL's request, the NRC will withhold the safety review portion of the COLA until such time that PPL formally requests that the NRC resume its review. The BBNPP COLA remains docketed and, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 52.3(b)(6) and 10 CFR 50.71(e), PPL will be required to submit to the NRC updates to the Final Safety Analysis Report annually.

Should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact the BBNPP COLA Project Manager Mr. Michael Takacs at 301-415-7871 or via e-mail at [Michael.Takacs@nrc.gov](mailto:Michael.Takacs@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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