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BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
BELL BEND COLA STATUS
BNP-2015-013 Docket No. 52-039

- References: 1) NRC:15:010, P. Salas (AREVA Inc.) to U.S. NRC, "Request to Suspend Review of the U.S. EPR Design Certification", dated February 25, 2015.
- 2) UN#15-001, M. T. Finley (UniStar Nuclear Energy) to U.S. NRC, "Request to Suspend Review of Calvert Cliffs Unit 3 Combined License Application", dated February 27, 2015.
- 3) BNP-2014-005, R. R. Sgarro to U.S. NRC, "Interim Safety Review Guidance", dated January 9, 2014.

The purpose of this letter is to update the NRC on the status of the Bell Bend Combined License Application (COLA) in light of recent requests by AREVA and UniStar Nuclear Energy (UNE) that the NRC suspend review of their applications (References 1 and 2).

In early 2014, PPL requested that the NRC withhold review of the safety portion of the Bell Bend COLA (Parts 2, 4, 8, and 10) until further notice, choosing to focus on the environmental review pending further progress by AREVA and UNE on their respective applications (Reference 3). PPL remains committed to the completion of the necessary work to support issuance of a Final Environmental Impact Statement for Bell Bend on or before the current schedule of April 2016. The submittal of suspension requests by AREVA and UNE has not impacted this commitment.

PPL has been in communication with both AREVA and UniStar and understands the basis for their actions. We will monitor their efforts as they establish plans to resume their licensing activities.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 610.774.7552.

Respectfully,

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