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Division of New Reactor Licensing  
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RE: USFWS Project #2009-0501

Dear Ms. Dixon-Herrity:

Enclosed please find the Fish and Wildlife Service's biological opinion on the effects of the proposed construction and operation of Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant. The enclosed document represents the Service's biological opinion on the effects that the proposed activity will have on the federally-listed, endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and threatened northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*). This biological opinion is provided in accordance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

*Please use the above-referenced USFWS project tracking number in any future correspondence regarding this project.*

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Brian Scofield of my staff at 814-234-4090.

Sincerely,

Lora L. Zimmerman  
Field Office Supervisor

Enclosure

cc:  
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