

September 22, 2016

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SUBJECT: REQUEST TO WITHDRAW THE BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION

Dear Mr. Sgarro:

By letter dated October 10, 2008, as supplemented by letters dated November 18, 2008, November 24, 2008, December 1, 2008, and December 8, 2008 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML082880580, ML083250485, ML083330405, ML083400289, and ML083510577, respectively), Talen Energy (formally PPL Bell Bend, LLC (PPL)), submitted a combined license (COL) application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to build a single unit U.S. Evolutionary Power Reactor (U.S. EPR), identified as the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP) at the proposed site located in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, adjacent to the existing Susquehanna Steam Electric Station. The acceptance review of the complete COL application was communicated to PPL in NRC letter dated December 19, 2008 (ADAMS Accession No. ML083460640).

Talen Energy requested, by letter dated January 9, 2014, that the NRC suspend the safety review portion of the COL application until further notice due to the recent suspension of AREVA's Design Certification application, and continue to focus its support on the necessary work leading to the issuance of the final environmental impact statement (EIS) (ADAMS Accession No. ML14030A074). The NRC granted the request to suspend the safety review portion of the COL application by letter dated August 12, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14210A588). The final EIS was issued on April 21, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16075A311). By letter dated August 30, 2016, Talen Energy requested the NRC to withdraw the BBNPP COL application from the docket (ADAMS Accession No. ML16252A202). The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge Talen Energy's August 30, 2016, letter and to provide a response.

In accordance with the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 2, Section 2.107, and on the basis of the statements contained in your August 30, 2016, letter, your request to withdraw the BBNPP COL application from the docket is acceptable. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the *Federal Register* notice announcing the withdrawal of the BBNPP application for a COL, as required by 10 CFR 2.107(c). Additionally, as communicated with you during a phone call on September 21, 2016, the NRC staff would need to spend some hours to administratively close out the COL application, as requested by Talen Energy. As confirmed by Mr. Sgarro, Talen Energy agrees to cover any associated fees for this effort.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-1488 or via e-mail at Tomeka.Terry@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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