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**BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
WITHDRAWAL OF THE BELL BEND COLA
BNP-2016-026 Docket No. 52-039**

- References:
- 1) BNP-2008-002, T. L. Harpster (PPL Bell Bend, LLC) to M. R. Johnson (NRC), "Application for Combined License for the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant," dated October 10, 2008.
 - 2) BNP-2014-005, R. R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "Interim Safety Review Guidance," dated January 9, 2014.
 - 3) NRC:15:010, P. Salas (AREVA) to U.S. NRC, "Request to Suspend Review of U.S. EPR Design Certification Application," dated February 25, 2015.
 - 4) Letter, U.S. NRC to R. R. Sgarro (Bell Bend, LLC) "Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant," dated April 21, 2016.

PPL Bell Bend, LLC (now Bell Bend, LLC) submitted a Combined License (COL) application for the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP) via Reference 1. The safety review associated with the application was suspended (Reference 2) due to a lack of progress on the U.S. EPR Design Certification Application, which was subsequently suspended as well (Reference 3). The Final Environmental Impact Statement associated with the BBNPP COLA was issued earlier this year (Reference 4).

The purpose of this letter is to inform the NRC that, in accordance with 10 CFR §2.107, Bell Bend, LLC hereby withdraws the BBNPP COL application in its entirety.

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

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 30, 2016.

Respectfully,

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