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**BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR RAI SET NO. 26
BNP-2009-218 Docket No. 52-039**

References: 1) M. Canova (NRC) to R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC), Bell Bend COLA – Request for Information No. 26 (RAI No. 26) – RHEB-2847, email dated July 10, 2009

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the request for additional information (RAI) identified in NRC correspondence to PPL Bell Bend, LLC (PPL) (Reference 1). This RAI addresses Potential Dam Failures, as discussed in Section 2.4.4 of the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR), as submitted in Part 2 of the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant Combined License Application (COLA).

The NRC requested that PPL provide additional information to support the review of the Bell Bend COLA in Reference 1 on July 10, 2009. The response to the question identified in RAI No. 26 was requested to be provided within 30 calendar days. Based on vendor review and input, the time required to complete the necessary work will exceed this timeframe and PPL requests an extension until September 11, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 570.802.8102.

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

Executed on August 10, 2009

Respectfully,

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