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**BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
COLA PART 3 (ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT)
UPDATE TO REFLECT SITE FOOTPRINT
RELOCATION
BNP-2012-023 Docket No. 52-039**

Reference BNP-2011-230, R. R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC) to U.S. NRC, "Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant COLA Part 3 (Environmental Report) Update to Reflect Site Footprint Relocation," dated December 19, 2011

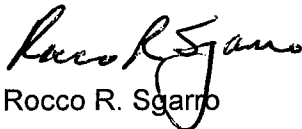
In the referenced letter, PPL Bell Bend, LLC (PPL) provided the NRC with the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP) Combined Operating License Application (COLA) Part 3 Environmental Report (ER) Update reflecting the relocation of the BBNPP footprint within the existing project boundary. Included in the ER Update were two figures illustrating archaeological sites the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requested be withheld from public disclosure.

This letter transmits the Public Version of the updated ER, with the appropriate redactions pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.390. An appropriate affidavit supporting this request is attached.

The enclosure provides the updated Public version of the BBNPP COLA, Part 3 (ER). The revised BBNPP COLA ER supersedes previously submitted information in its entirety.

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

Respectfully,


Rocco R. Sgarro

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Enclosures: 1) Affidavit

2) Updated BBNPP COLA Part 3 Environmental Report (ER) Public Version DVD

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Enclosure 1

Affidavit

AFFIDAVIT OF ROCCO R. SGARRO

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)

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COUNTY OF LUZERNE)

I, Rocco R. Sgarro, Director-Regulatory Affairs, PPL Bell Bend, LLC, do hereby affirm and state:

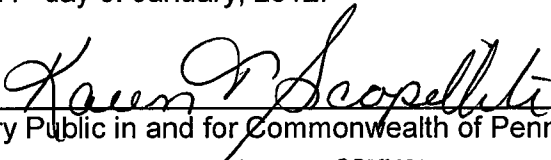
- 1) I am authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of PPL Bell Bend, LLC. I am further authorized to review information submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and apply for the withholding of information from disclosure. I am making this affidavit in conformance with the provisions of the NRC's regulations at 10 CFR 2.390 and in support of PPL Bell Bend, LLC's request for proprietary treatment of certain financial information.
- 2) I have knowledge of the criteria used by PPL Bell Bend, LLC in designating information as sensitive, proprietary, or confidential.
- 3) Pursuant to the provision of paragraph (a)(4) of 10 CFR 2.390, the following is furnished for consideration by the NRC in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure should be withheld.
 - a. The Cultural Resources information sought to be withheld from public disclosure in Appendix A, Binder 4, Reports 5 and 6 of the Joint Permit Application Revision 1 is pursuant to mandates from the National Historic Preservation Act and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act which compel Federal agencies to only disclose site locations if no harm, theft, or destruction of cultural resources will result from such disclosure: The information sought to be protected is not available to the public to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 - 1. "The head of any Federal Agency, after consultation with the Secretary, shall withhold from disclosure to the public, information relating to the location or character of historic resources whenever the head of the agency or the Secretary determines that the disclosure of such information may create a substantial risk of harm, theft, or destruction to such resources or to the information may create a substantial risk of harm, theft, or destruction to such resources or to the area or place where such resources are located." -Section 304, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended
 - 2. "Information concerning the nature and location of any archaeological resource for which the excavation or removal requires a permit or other permission under this Act or under any other provision of Federal law may not be made available to the public under subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 5 of the United States Code or under any other provision of law unless the Federal land manager concerned determined that such disclosure would-(1) further the purposes of this Act or the Act of June 17, 1960 (16 USC 469-469c), and (2) not create a risk of harm to such resources or to the site at which such resources are located."-Section 9, Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979

- b. Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a)(4) of 10 CFR 2.390, the following is furnished for consideration by the NRC in determining whether the information sought to be withheld from public disclosure should be withheld. The proprietary information sought to be withheld from public disclosure is identified in Part 9 of the COL application revision and is marked as proprietary as it appears in the application.
 - 1. The information sought to be withheld from public disclosure in Appendix A, Binder 2, Item 7 of the Joint Permit Application Revision 1 is of the type that would customarily be held in confidence by PPL Bell Bend, LLC. The information that PPL Bell Bend, LLC is requesting to be withheld from public disclosure is PPL Bell Bend, LLC's commercial schedules for construction, fuel loading, and operation for the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant. PPL Bell Bend, LLC limits access to this information to those with a "need to know" subject to maintaining confidentiality. Public disclosure of these items is likely to harm PPL Bell Bend, LLC because it would allow other contractors, vendors, and competitors to understand PPL Bell Bend, LLC's competitive expectations and position prior to securing necessary contracts and services at competitive prices.
- c. The information is transmitted to the NRC in confidence and under the provisions of 10 CFR 2.390; it is to be received in confidence by the NRC.



 Rocco R. Sgarro
 Director-Regulatory Affairs
 PPL Bell Bend, LLC

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the county and Commonwealth above named, this 24th day of January, 2012.



 Notary Public in and for Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

My Commission Expires: _____

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Notarial Seal Karen T. Scopelliti, Notary Public Salem Twp., Luzerne County My Commission Expires April 30, 2013 Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

Enclosure 2

Updated BBNPP COLA Part 3 Environmental Report (ER) Public Version DVD