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**BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL REQUEST
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TE 2.4-6
BNP-2011-086 Docket No. 52-039**

- References:
- 1) S. Imboden (NRC) to R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC), Requests for Additional Information Related to the Environmental Review for the Combined License Application for Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant, dated July 10, 2009
 - 2) R. R. Sgarro (PPL Bell Bend, LLC) to Document Control Desk (NRC), Schedule Update: Environmental Request for Additional Information RAI TE 2.4-6, dated April 13, 2011

The purpose of this letter is to respond to Environmental Report (ER) request for additional information (RAI) TE 2.4-6 identified in Reference 1. In Reference 2, PPL Bell Bend, LLC (PPL) provided the NRC with schedule information related to submittal of RAI TE 2.4-6. This RAI addresses environmental issues, as discussed in Part 3 of the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant Combined License Application (BBNPP COLA).

Enclosure 1 contains the PPL response to RAI TE 2.4-6. Enclosure 2 is a DVD that contains the Wetlands Functions and Values Assessment report, Revision 3, referred to in the RAI response.

This letter does not contain any new regulatory commitments.

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 May 4, 2011

Respectfully,


Rocco R. Sgarro

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- Enclosures:
- 1) Response to RAI TE 2.4-6
 - 2) DVD containing the **Wetlands Functions** and Values Assessment, Revision 3

Additional CD
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Enclosure 1

Response to RAI TE 2.4-6

RAI TE 2.4-6**ESRP 2.2.1**

Summary: *Provide functional assessment of wetlands when completed.*

Full Text:

Provide a relative description of the functions and values.

Response:

In coordination with the USACE and PADEP, PPL completed a functions and values evaluation of wetlands at BBNPP, focusing on the wetlands proposed to be impacted by project activities. The overall approach and specific methods employed in the study reflect the suggestions of the USACE based upon informal consultation. Table 1 of the report provides a concise overview comparison of each wetland and its associated functions and values. The study is documented in the attached report:

Wetlands Functions and Values Assessment, PPL Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant, Salem Township, Luzerne County, PA, Rev. 3, Final. April, 2011, prepared by LandStudies

A DVD containing this report is provided with this response.

COLA Impact:

The BBNPP COLA will not be revised as a result of this response.

Enclosure 2

DVD containing the
Wetlands Functions and Values Assessment, Revision 3