**R. R. Sgarro**
Vice President–Nuclear Project Development

**Bell Bend, LLC**
835 Hamilton St., Suite 150
Allentown, PA 18101
Tel. 610.774.7552  Fax 610.774.2618
rocco.sgarro@talenenergy.com

TALEN
ENERGY

August 30, 2016

ATTN: Document Control Desk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

**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,

Rocco R. Sgarro

RRS/kw

D 102

NRD

cc:     F. Akstulewicz        NRC/NRO/TWFN
        M. Delligatti           NRC/NRO/TWFN
        J. Dixon-Herrity      NRC/NRO/TWFN
        T. Terry                NRC/NRO/TWFN
        J. Uhle                 NRC/NRO/TWFN
        P. Vokoun           NRC/NRO/TWFN
        G. Wunder           NRC/NRO/TWFN
        D. Dorman           NRC/Region 1
        J. Greives             NRC/SSES/SA4