

June 12, 2012

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE
SUPPLEMENTAL SCOPING PROCESS REGARDING THE REVISED SITE
LAYOUT FOR THE BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT COMBINED
LICENSE APPLICATION REVIEW

Dear Mr. Lord:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is reviewing a revised environmental report (ER) submitted on March 30, 2012, by PPL Bell Bend, LLC (PPL) in support of its initial application for a combined license (COL) for the construction and operation of one new nuclear power plant at its Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP) site near Berwick, Pennsylvania. This revised ER provides detailed information regarding PPL's revised site layout, which was developed to avoid wetland impacts by relocating the power block footprint and other plant components. The revised ER is available through the NRC's Agencywide Document Access Management System (ADAMS) and is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> under the ADAMS accession number ML12145A242. The document is also available on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col/bell-bend/documents.html#application>.

As part of the review of the COL application, the NRC is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) as required by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 51, the NRC's regulation that implements the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, which is a cooperating agency with the NRC for the purpose of complying with NEPA, is reviewing a joint permit application (JPA) that was submitted by PPL in June 2011 (and was revised in November). The EIS will document the NRC and USACE staff's evaluation of the impacts from the construction and operation of one new nuclear plant at the BBNPP site. In addition, the NRC and USACE staff's EIS will consider alternatives, including alternative sites. The following four alternative sites will be evaluated in the EIS: the Montour site located in Derry Township in Montour County, Pennsylvania; the Humboldt site located in Humboldt Industrial Park west of the City of Hazleton in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania; the Seedco site located in Coal Township in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; and the Martins Creek site located in Warren County, New Jersey, along the Delaware River.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the NRC and USACE are providing the public with an additional opportunity to submit scoping comments on the new information provided by PPL regarding the revised site layout. Please provide any information, comments, or concerns you

feel are appropriate on the scope of the review, especially related to the revised site layout during the scoping comment period, which ends on July 16, 2012. Comments should be submitted either by mail to the Chief, Rulemaking, Announcements, and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001 or by e-mail to BBNP.COLEIS@nrc.gov. When the NRC and USACE staff completes the draft EIS, a copy will be sent to your office for comment. This letter is also being submitted under the provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1934, as amended (FWCA).

On October 10, 2008, PPL submitted its application for a COL pursuant to NRC requirements in 10 CFR Part 52. The NRC staff accepted the application for docketing on December 15, 2008. The NRC and USACE first initiated consultation with your office by letter dated January 8, 2009 (ML083500509). In a letter dated January 27, 2009 (ML090400936), your office replied by providing a list of rare, threatened, or endangered species that are known to occur in the vicinity of the Martins Creek site in Warren County, New Jersey, that is identified as an alternative site for the proposed facility.

To support the preparation of the EIS, the NRC and USACE request that your office provide any updated information on State-listed, proposed and candidate species, and critical habitat that may be in the vicinity of the Martins Creek alternative site and associated transmission line rights-of-way. In addition, please provide any information you consider appropriate under the provisions of the FWCA. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of a site map, the Natural Heritage Data Request Form, and the requested quad maps for the Martins Creek site.

If you have any questions concerning the environmental review of this COL application, please contact Mrs. Laura Quinn-Willingham, Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-2220 or via e-mail at Laura.Quinn-Willingham@nrc.gov. In her absence, please contact Mr. John Fringer at 301-415-6208 or via e-mail at John.Fringer@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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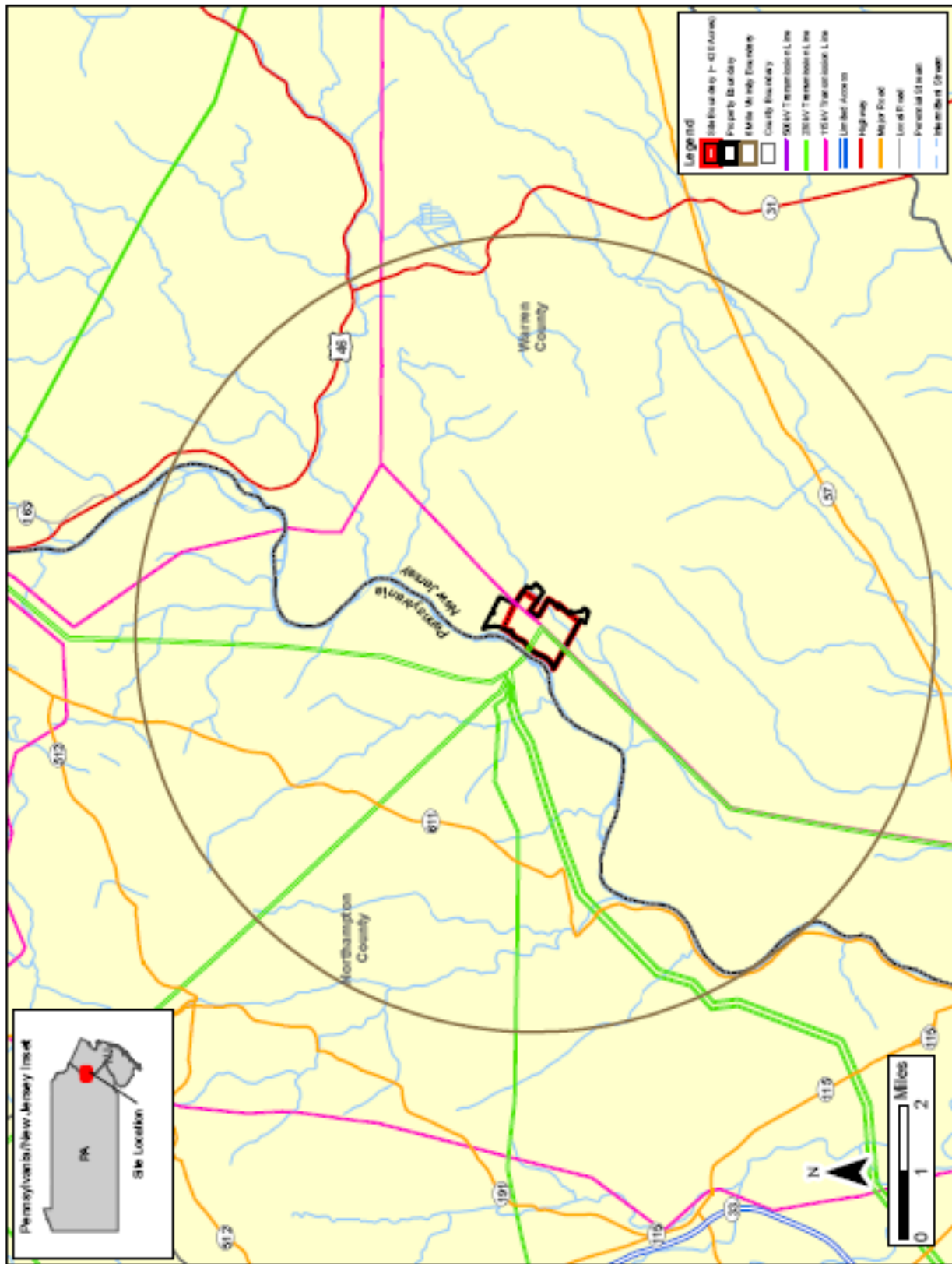
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2. Project Name: BELL BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT- ALTERNATE SITE: MARTINS CREEK, NJ
Municipality(ies): WHITE TOWNSHIP County(ies): WARREN
Block(s): 7, 9, 21 Lot(s): 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-11, 7-16
N.A.D. 1983 State Plane Coordinates (feet) 6 digits only: E (x): 327603 N (y): 715148

3. Project Description: LOCATION IS AN ALTERNATE SITE FOR POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION OF ONE NEW NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

4. USGS Quad: ☒ A copy of a USGS quad map(s) that clearly indicates the site boundary is included with this form. Specify name of USGS quad(s): BELVIDERE

(USGS quad maps are required, unless prior arrangements have been made to submit site boundaries in an alternate format. Responses will be delayed if site locations are not delineated in a suitable format.)

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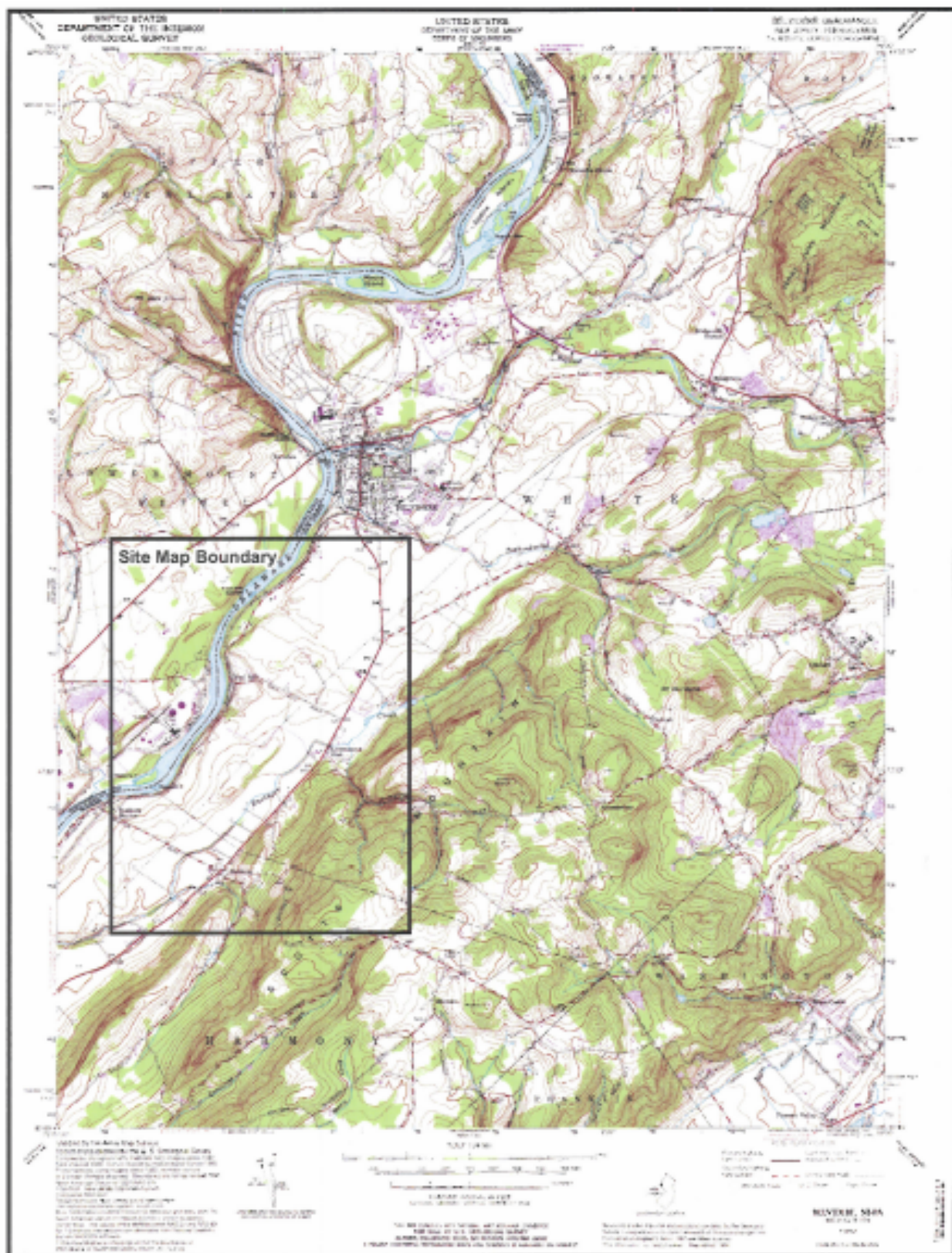
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