

May 20, 2013

Mr. Eric Epstein, Chairman
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SUBJECT: COMMENTS REGARDING THE REVISED SITE LAYOUT FOR THE BELL
BEND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT COMBINED LICENSE APPLICATION
REVIEW

Dear Mr. Epstein:

*The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received your scoping comments during the scoping period on July 16, 2012, and your letter on February 5, 2013, providing your concerns regarding the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant (BBNPP) combined license (COL) application. We appreciated your comments and additional information that you have provided to the NRC staff for the BBNPP environmental review. Your comments are part of the BBNPP record and be found in the NRC's Agencywide Document Access Management System (ADAMS) under accession numbers ML12205A059 and ML130460140. The publicly available records components of NRC's ADAMS are accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/readingrm/adams.html>, which provides access through the NRC's electronic reading link.

The NRC staff is in the process of reviewing all the scoping comments received during the June 2012 supplemental scoping period on the revised site layout, and we will address all the scoping comments including the comments received in your letter dated July 16, 2012, in the Bell Bend Supplemental Scoping Summary Report. This report will delineate which scoping comments were determined to be in scope and will be evaluated in the draft environmental impact statement (EIS). The report will also delineate which comments were determined to be out of scope and why. Also, we will consider the additional information that you have provided to the NRC staff on February 5, 2013, for the BBNPP draft EIS, as appropriate, but because those comments were received outside of the scoping period they will not be included in the staff's Bell Bend Supplemental Scoping Report. Comments that discuss safety aspects of the current operating reactors or the proposed new reactor are outside the scope of the Bell Bend environmental review and any future comments on safety concerns should be directed to the safety project manager, Mr. Michael Canova at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, office of New Reactors, mailstop T6-E55M, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Your February 5, 2013 letter has been forwarded to Mr. Canova for consideration in the safety review. When the staff issues the Bell Bend Supplemental Scoping Report and the draft EIS you will be notified and receive a copy of each, because you are on the mailing list for this review.

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If you have any questions concerning the environmental review of this COL application, please contact Ms. Laura Quinn-Willingham, Environmental Project Manager, at 301-415-2220, or via e-mail to Laura.Quinn-Willingham@nrc.gov. In her absence, please contact Ms. Tomeka Terry at 301-415-1488 or via e-mail to Tomeka.Terry@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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