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Mr. David Frantz
Director, Loan Guarantee Program Office
Department of Energy
1000 Independent Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Frantz:

I am writing to ask for your favorable review of PPL's application for a federal loan guarantee for the Bell Bend Nuclear Power Project.

Pennsylvania has been a longstanding leader in energy development and electricity generation, a leadership role that has benefited the state and mid-Atlantic region. The proposed Bell Bend project, the only Pennsylvania nuclear power project submitted to you for support, would continue Pennsylvania's essential role in our nation's energy future. It is important to understand that this project is not a new nuclear facility, but rather an addition to an existing nuclear facility.

Bell Bend will create roughly 4,000 temporary construction jobs at the peak of construction and about 400 family-sustaining permanent jobs in northeastern Pennsylvania, amplifying the economic benefits of PPL's adjacent Susquehanna nuclear plant. The project will generate 1,600 megawatts of electricity, enough to power 1,280,000 typical homes – electricity that is vital to Pennsylvania and the region.

There is no question that we must all work to find a long-term solution for the disposal of nuclear fuel waste product; however, the effects of global warming demand that we look to nuclear energy, other forms of clean, reliable energy, and improved efficiency and conservation efforts to sustain and advance our economy.

Again, I urge your support of PPL's Bell Bend Nuclear Power Project and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Edward G. Rendell
Governor