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In the Matter of
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.
(License Renewal for the In Situ Leach Facility, Crawford, Nebraska)
Docket No. 40-8943; ASLBP No. 08-867-02-OLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its Order dated January 8, 2009, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") directed the NRC staff ("Staff"), commencing on January 15, 2009, to tender each month "a short report advising as to whether the estimated dates for issuance of the final [Safety Evaluation Report ('SER')] (predicted for summer/fall of 2009) and final [environmental review document] (predicted for December of 2009) have changed or become more definitive."[1] Due to the necessity of having to reschedule public meetings, the Staff's review schedule may be delayed up to a month. As such, the Staff estimates that it will issue the final environmental review document by June 2010. Likewise, the Staff now expects to issue the SER by May 2010.

In keeping with the Board's mandate, the Staff will tender its next monthly status report by March 16, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Executed in Accord with 10 CFR 2.304(d)
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This 16th day of February, 2010

cc: Attached Service List

[1] Order (Initial Scheduling Order), at 4-5 (Jan. 8, 2009).

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S LETTER TO THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD" in the above captioned proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange ("EIE") this 16th day of February 2010, which to the best of my knowledge resulted in transmittal of the foregoing to those on the EIE Service List for the above captioned proceeding.

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