September 15, 2011

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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." The Staff continues to expect to issue the SER by December 2011. Likewise, the Staff continues to expect at this time to issue the final environmental review document by December 2011.

In keeping with the Board's mandate, the Staff will tender its next monthly status report by October 14, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Executed in Accord with 10 CFR 2.304(d)

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland This 15th day of September, 2011

cc: Attached Service List

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 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 15th day of September 2011, 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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