

May 16, 2013

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In the Matter of  
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.  
(License Amendment for the North Trend Expansion Project)  
Docket No. 40-8943; ASLBP No. 07-859-03-MLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its Order dated March 5, 2009, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") directed the NRC staff ("Staff") to tender each month a status report advising as to whether the estimated dates for issuance of the final Safety Evaluation Report ("SER") (predicted for the late summer of 2009) and the final environmental review document (predicted for December of 2009) have changed.<sup>1</sup> The Staff expects to be able to issue the SER by June 14, 2013. The Staff expects to issue the final environmental review document by the end of August 2013. The Staff notes, however, that there is a possibility of further delay (up to a few months) in issuing the environmental review document due to the complicated nature of the Section 106 consultation activities.

In keeping with the Board's mandate, the Staff will tender its next monthly status report by June 14, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
This 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013

cc: Attached Service List

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<sup>1</sup> Order (Confirming Matters Addressed at March 4, 2009, Telephone Conference), at 1 (March 5, 2009).

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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Expansion Project)	)	

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"), the NRC's E-Filing System, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013, 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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