UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL

Before the Licensing Board:

G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman Dr. Richard E. Wardwell Dr. Thomas J. Hirons

In the Matter of

Docket No. 40-8943-MLA-2

CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.

ASLBP No. 13-926-01-MLA-BD01

(Marsland Expansion Area)

May 28, 2013

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

(Requesting Initial Prehearing Conference Scheduling Information from Intervenor Oglala Sioux Tribe)

In a May 21, 2013 issuance, the Licensing Board requested a joint report from the parties on preferred dates/times in early to mid-June for scheduling an initial prehearing conference. See Licensing Board Memorandum and Order (Requesting Information Regarding Initial Prehearing Conference Scheduling and Availability of NRC Staff Hearing File) (May 21, 2013) at 1 (unpublished). By a May 24 e-mail from counsel for applicant Crow Butte Resources, Inc., (CBR) to the Board's law clerk that was copied to all parties, the requested information was provided relative to CBR and the NRC staff. In that e-mail, however, CBR counsel also indicated that he was unsuccessful in contacting counsel for intervenor Oglala Sioux Tribe (OST) by telephone and e-mail to obtain OST's input by the May 24 noon Eastern Time (ET) deadline specified in the Board's order.

As a consequence, the Board will afford OST an additional opportunity to provide input on this scheduling matter,* which OST should do by a filing to the docket of this proceeding using the agency's E-Filing system. In that filing, it should specify two or more date/starting time preferences for convening a telephone initial prehearing conference from among the following choices:

Wednesday, June 5, 2013, with the starting time between noon and 2:30 p.m. ET

Thursday, June 6, 2013, with the starting time between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. ET

Thursday, June 13, 2013, with the starting time between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. ET.

This OST filing shall be submitted on or before <u>Thursday</u>, <u>May 30, 2013</u>.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland

May 28, 2013

^{*}Previously, the Board noted the lack of a response by OST when such input seemed appropriate. See LBP-13-6, 77 NRC __, __ n.11 (slip op. at 14 n.11) (May 10, 2013). It is the Board's hope that, having sought and been granted party status in this proceeding, OST (as represented by its counsel) is prepared to devote the resources necessary to litigate OST's admitted contentions in a timely manner.

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In-Situ Leach Uranium Recovery Facility, Crawford, Nebraska	ASLBP No. 13-926-01-MLA-BD01
(License Amendment – Marsland Expansion Area)))

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **MEMORANDUM AND ORDER** (Requesting Initial **Prehearing Conference Scheduling Information from Oglala Sioux Tribe)** have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange.

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