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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.¹ The purpose of the instant letter is to inform the Board and the parties of the public availability of the SER. The document can be accessed electronically via ADAMS Accession Number ML110820512. The Staff would be happy to supply the Board and the parties, upon request,² with paper copies of the SER.

In keeping with the Board’s mandate, the Staff will tender its next monthly status report by August 16, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed (electronically) by
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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
This 26th day of July, 2013

cc: Attached Service List

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

² Such requests can be submitted to Counsel for the Staff (either telephonically or via email).

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.)	Docket No. 40-8943
In-Situ Leach Facility, Crawford, Nebraska)	
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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 26th day of July 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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