#### October 15, 2014

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In the Matter of CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC. (License Renewal for the In Situ Leach Facility, Crawford, Nebraska)

<u>Docket No. 40-8943; ASLBP No. 08-867-02-OLA-BD01</u>

## 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."

On January 2, 2013, the Staff informed the Board and the parties of the public availability of the SER. The SER can be accessed electronically via ADAMS Accession Number ML103470470.

On October 8, 2014, the Staff received comments on the draft environmental review document from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. The Staff is currently finalizing the environmental review document and still expects to issue it by the end of October 2014. The Staff will update the Board and parties upon issuing the final environmental review document.

Respectfully submitted,

# Signed (electronically) by

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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

## BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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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 this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014 via the NRC's Electronic Information Exchange ("EIE"), and via e-mail to David Frankel, counsel for Consolidated Intervenors, 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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