UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Michael M. Gibson, Chair Dr. Richard E. Wardwell Brian K. Hajek Alan S. Rosenthal (Special Assistant to the Board)

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

February 4, 2015

ORDER (Scheduling Telephonic Oral Argument)

On October 27, 2014, the NRC Staff notified the Board and parties in this proceeding that the final environmental review document, an Environmental Assessment (EA), had been completed.¹ On January 5, 2015 the Oglala Sioux Tribe² and Consolidated Intervenors³ both filed motions to admit new contentions based on the final EA. On January 30, 2015 the NRC Staff⁴ and Crow Butte Resources⁵ filed answers to the new contention motions.

¹ Environmental Assessment Availability Notification, Letter from Marcia Simon, NRC Staff Counsel, to Administrative Judges and Parties (Oct. 27, 2014).

² The Oglala Sioux Tribe's Renewed and New Contentions Based on the Final Environmental Assessment (October 2014) (Jan. 5, 2015).

³ Consolidated Intervenors' New Contentions Based on the Final Environmental Assessment (October 2014) (Jan. 5, 2015).

⁴ NRC Staff's Combined Answer to New Contentions Filed by Consolidated Intervenors and the Oglala Sioux Tribe (Jan. 30, 2015).

To assist its review of the newly filed contentions, the Board will hold a telephonic oral argument on <u>Tuesday</u>, February 17, 2015 at 10:30 A.M. Eastern Time. The Board's law clerk will contact the parties on how to access the conference. Members of the public or media who wish to listen to this oral argument may do so, and should contact the Board's law clerk at Nicholas.Sciretta@nrc.gov for the dial-in information.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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Michael M. Gibson, Chair ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland February 4, 2015

⁵ Crow Butte Resources' Response to Proposed New Contentions Based on Final Environmental Assessment (Jan 30, 2015).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **ORDER (Scheduling Telephonic Oral Argument)** have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange, and by electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 4th day of February, 2015