

January 21, 2016

Chairman Stephen G. Burns
Commissioner Kristine L. Svinicki
Commissioner William C. Ostendorff
Commissioner Jeff Baran

In the matter of
RARE ELEMENT RESOURCES, INC.
(Bear Lodge Project)
Docket No. 40-38367

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

In the attached letter, dated January 21, 2016, Rare Element Resources, Inc. (RER) requested that the NRC Staff temporarily suspend further review of the license application for the Bear Lodge Project submitted to NRC on May 4, 2015. Rare Element Resources is requesting that the adjudicatory proceeding likewise be suspended until such time as the licensing process is restarted. Continuing with the hearing process at this time would result in a costly and unnecessary use of the participants' and the NRC's resources.

RER will inform the parties of any changes in the status of the licensing review for the Bear Lodge project so that the hearing process can be restarted in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ signed electronically by

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Dated at San Francisco, California
this 21st day of January 2016

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of "Rare Element Resources' Letter to Commission" in the above captioned proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange this 21st day of January 2016.

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