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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

Dear Administrative Judges,

In its Partial Initial Decision issued May 26, 2016, the Board directed the NRC Staff to submit monthly status reports updating the Board and parties as to the Staff's curative actions in response to the Board's resolution of Contention 1.

In a July 12, 2016 teleconference, counsel for the Staff explained the Staff's planned approach to cure the NHPA- and NEPA-related deficiencies identified by the Board in its Partial Initial Decision. In accordance with that approach, the Staff is currently preparing the Statement of Work that will form the basis of the Staff's solicitation of a contractor to support the identification effort. In addition, the Staff will meet with representatives of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on August 2, 2016, to participate in an in-person discussion about the planned approach and gather information about historic and cultural resources that may be present at the site.

The Staff will submit its next monthly status report on September 1, 2016, in accordance with the Board's mandate.

Respectfully submitted,

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This 1st day of August, 2016

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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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 1st day of August 2016 via the NRC's Electronic Information Exchange ("EIE"), 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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