

January 13, 2017

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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,

On January 11, 2017, the Staff informed the Board and parties that Cameco had sent two letters to the Staff regarding the Staff's efforts to cure deficiencies on Contentions 1 and 12B. In these letters, Cameco indicated that it does not want the Staff to conduct additional work to address these issues until the Commission has ruled on all pending appeals.¹ The Staff wishes to inform the Board that it does not anticipate reaching a decision on whether to comply with Cameco's requests by next Wednesday, January 18.² The Staff is otherwise prepared to participate in the teleconference scheduled for 11 a.m. Eastern Time that day.

Respectfully submitted,

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This 13th day of January, 2017

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¹ Letter to Administrative Judges from Marcia Simon, Counsel for the NRC Staff (January 11, 2017).

² The Staff expects to reach its decision within approximately two weeks.

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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 13th day of January 2017 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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