

January 17, 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 indicating that Cameco does not want the Staff to conduct additional work to cure deficiencies related to Contentions 1 and 12B until the Commission has ruled on all pending appeals.¹ On January 13, 2017, the Staff informed the Board and parties that it did not anticipate reaching a decision on Cameco's requests prior to the teleconference scheduled for Wednesday, January 18.²

The Staff wishes to inform the Board that, notwithstanding its January 13 letter, the Staff has reached a decision on Cameco's requests. The Staff has decided to suspend work related to Contentions 1 and 12B until the Commission has ruled on all pending appeals.

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

² Letter to Administrative Judges from Marcia Simon, Counsel for the NRC Staff (January 13, 2017).

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Respectfully submitted,

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This 17th day of January, 2017

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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 17th 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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