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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 status of the Staff's curative actions in response to the Board's resolution of Contention 1.

In its January 17, 2017 letter to the Board[1] and in the January 18, 2017 teleconference,[2] the Staff informed the Board and parties that the Staff has decided to suspend work related to Contention 1 until the Commission has ruled on all pending appeals. Consistent with those representations, there have been no significant curative activities in December 2017.

In accordance with the Board's mandate, the Staff will continue to submit monthly status reports unless otherwise directed by the Board.

[1] Letter to Administrative Judges from David M. Cylkowski, Counsel for the NRC Staff (January 17, 2017).

[2] Tr. at 2676–77.

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Respectfully submitted,

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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 2nd day of January 2018 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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