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In the Matter of  
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.  
(North Trend Expansion Project)  
Docket No. 40-8943-MLA; ASLBP No. 07-859-03-MLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

On May 7, 2018, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board directed the NRC Staff to provide quarterly status updates, starting on July 2, 2018, regarding the status of the review process for the Crow Butte Resources (CBR) North Trend Expansion Area (NTEA) license amendment application.<sup>1</sup> There has been no change in status since the Staff's previous report in October 2018. The review of the NTEA application remains suspended at CBR's request, and, accordingly, the NRC Staff is unable to provide estimated completion dates for the draft or final environmental review documents at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
this 2nd day of January, 2019

cc: EIE Service List

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<sup>1</sup> Memorandum and Order (Reinstituting NRC Staff Status Reporting Requirement in Response to Applicant-Requested Suspension of Licensing Review Process) at 2 (May 7, 2018) (unpublished).

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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