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March 24, 2021

Attn: Jessie M. Quintero,
Chief Environmental Review Materials
Branch Division of Rulemaking, Environmental,
And Financial Support Office of
Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Subject: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Identification Efforts for Tribal Sites
Regarding the Crow Butte In Situ Uranium Recovery License Renewal Proceeding
(Docket Number 40-8943)

Dear Ms. Quintero:

By letter dated March 5, 2021, your office communicated a general outline of a proposed timeline for completing a site cultural properties survey of the Cameco Resources, Crow Butte Operation (CBO) facility. The timeline included two components that require site access: an initial site visit during April-May 2021, and completion of a site survey during August-October 2021. The project will include other work activities that do not require access to the site. In the letter, NRC staff requested a written response from CBO on its ability to support the proposed project schedule. Additionally, NRC staff requested that CBO speak to the types and level of financial support CBO would be willing to provide to support the field work necessary to complete the cultural resources review. The purpose of this letter is to provide the response requested.

As to the proposed schedule, CBO is able to support an initial site visit in the April-May 2021 timeframe. It is the understanding of CBO that the initial site visit would last for a duration of approximately 2-4 hours and may include 6-10 individuals including Ogallala Sioux Tribal (OST) members as well as NRC staff. The site visit would involve driving to various onsite locations and would be conducted in accordance with state and site protocols for the Covid-19 public health emergency as well as site safety procedures.

Similarly, CBO is able to support site survey activities in the August-October 2021 timeframe. CBO's understanding of these activities is they will include 3-4 OST representatives with appropriate expertise to complete the survey. The survey would likely include a week of site survey activities, with the potential of an additional week of a follow-up activities. CBO recognizes that the details of the survey have not been fully developed, and that the specifics described herein are subject to change. CBO is motivated to support completion of the survey and will be reasonably flexible in seeing this goal achieved.

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Finally, NRC staff asked CBO to speak to what types and level of financial support it would be willing to provide to support the field work necessary to complete the cultural resources review. CBO proposes providing a \$5,000 honorarium to OST to support the field work necessary to complete the cultural resources review, as well as a \$175/day per diem per person, for a maximum of 10 total days, for the 3-4 OST representatives involved with the site survey.

If you have any questions concerning the report, please feel free to call me at (308) 665-2215 ext. 117.

Sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Walter D. Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Walter D. Nelson
SHEQ Coordinator

cc: CBO – File

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