

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PANEL

Before the Licensing Board:

G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman  
Dr. Richard E. Wardwell  
Dr. Thomas J. Hirons

In the Matter of

CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.

(Marsland Expansion Area)

Docket No. 40-8943-MLA-2

ASLBP No. 13-926-01-MLA-BD01

June 24, 2015

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

(Request for Additional Update Regarding Timing of Issuance  
of Final NRC Staff Safety and Environmental Documents)

In a March 30, 2015 letter to the Licensing Board, the NRC staff estimated that, based on the then-planned May 22, 2015 date for the submission of the last of applicant Crow Butte Resources, Inc.'s (CBR) responses to pending staff requests for additional information (RAI), on or before June 30, 2015, the staff would be able to provide the Board with an updated schedule for the completion of the staff's Marsland Expansion Area (MEA) safety and environmental evaluations. See Letter from Emily Monteith, NRC Staff Counsel, to Licensing Board at 1 (Mar. 30, 2015). In a June 23, 2015 letter to the Board, the staff now advises that, because it has not received either all of CBR's RAI responses or an updated schedule from CBR for the submission of those responses, it cannot provide the Board with an updated schedule for completing the MEA safety evaluation report and environmental assessment by June 30. See Letter from Emily Monteith, NRC Staff Counsel, to Licensing Board at 1–2 (June 23, 2015).

In light of the staff's June 23 filing, the Board directs that within 10 days of the submission of either (1) an updated CBR schedule for the submission of all of CBR's RAI

responses; or (2) the last of CBR's RAI responses, whichever occurs first, the staff should provide the Board with an estimate of when the staff believes it will be able to give the Board new estimates for the completion dates for the staff's MEA safety and environmental reviews.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY  
AND LICENSING BOARD

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G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland

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Crawford, Nebraska	)	
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(License Amendment –	)	
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **MEMORANDUM AND ORDER (Request for Additional Update Regarding Timing of Issuance of Final NRC Staff Safety and Environmental Documents)** have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange.

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