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April 7, 2016

Crow Butte Resources, Inc.
ATTN: Brent Berg
P.O. Box 169
Crawford, NE 69339

SUBJECT: LICENSE FEE BILLING ERROR

Dear Mr. Berg:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) identified an error related to the amount billed to Crow Butte Resources, Inc., under Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 170, *Fees for Facilities, Materials, Import and Export Licenses, and Other Regulatory Services under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended*. During fiscal years 2013 and 2014, NRC made payments to contractors for technical assistance services in support of work related to docket 04008943 (license number SUA-1534). Payments in the amount of \$244,835 were incorrectly recorded in our financial system without the associated cost activity codes, J00862 – Crow Butte Marsland Expansion Environmental Review, and J00883 – Crow Butte In Situ Leach License Renewal. The omitted cost activity codes prevented the payments from being accumulated for license fee billing. Therefore, NRC has not yet billed Crow Butte Resources, Inc., for these charges totaling \$244,835.

Staff from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) and Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) identified these errors while performing an audit of fee recoverable contract costs. NMSS staff substantiated all charges by performing a thorough review of the original invoices and monthly letter status reports provided by the contractors. Please note that since this error occurred, NRC has implemented internal control measures to prevent reoccurrence of this type of error.

Based on the information stated above, NRC will include these charges on the next quarterly Part 170 invoice which will be issued to Crow Butte Resources, Inc., in April 2016. I sincerely regret the inconvenience this has caused. If you have questions related to this matter, please contact Ms. Meghan Blair of OCFO at 301-415-5242 or Meghan.Blair@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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