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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.

There have been no significant curative activities in October 2016.

The Staff recently identified an issue regarding the costs related to its curative actions. The Staff had previously concluded that it was not required to bill Crow Butte Resources under 10 C.F.R. Part 170 for such work. However, the Staff has revisited this matter and the NRC's Chief Financial Officer has determined that this work must be billed under 10 C.F.R. Part 170.

In accordance with the Board's mandate, the Staff will submit its next monthly status report by December 1, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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This 1st day of November, 2016

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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 1st day of November 2016 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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