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In the Matter of  
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.  
(Marsland Expansion Area)  
Docket No. 40-8943-MLA-2; ASLBP No. 13-926-01-MLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

The NRC Staff hereby informs the Board and parties that the Staff's draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Crow Butte Resources Marsland Expansion Area (MEA) is publicly available in ADAMS (ADAMS Accession No. ML17334A870). Should the Board or any party require a paper copy or a CD-ROM version of the draft EA, please contact Staff counsel.

In addition, the NRC Staff has created a compiled version of the MEA Environmental Report (ER) to serve as a reference version in its environmental review documents. The compiled ER is publicly available in ADAMS (ADAMS Accession No. ML17325B322) and will be included in the Staff's next hearing file update. The compiled ER is based on the original 2012 ER and updates submitted in August 2013, December 2013, January 2014, and April 2014, all of which have been previously identified in the Staff's initial disclosures or hearing file updates.

Finally, the Staff anticipates that its draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the MEA will be published in the *Federal Register* on Friday, December 15, 2017. After the FONSI is published, the Staff will provide a follow-up notification with the *Federal Register* citation.

Respectfully submitted,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC Staff Letter to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board" in the above-captioned proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange ("EIE"), the NRC's E-Filing System, this 11th day of December, 2017, 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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