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In the Matter of
CROW BUTTE RESOURCES, INC.
(North Trend Expansion Project)
Docket No. 40-8943-MLA; ASLBP No. 07-859-03-MLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

On May 7, 2018, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board directed the NRC Staff to provide quarterly status updates, starting on July 2, 2018, regarding the status of the review process for the Crow Butte Resources (CBR) North Trend Expansion Area (NTEA) license amendment application.¹ There has been no change in status since the Staff's previous report in July 2019. The review of the NTEA application remains suspended at CBR's request, and, accordingly, the NRC Staff is unable to provide estimated completion dates for the draft or final environmental review documents at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Memorandum and Order (Reinstituting NRC Staff Status Reporting Requirement in Response to Applicant-Requested Suspension of Licensing Review Process) at 2 (May 7, 2018) (unpublished).

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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") this 1st day of October 2019, 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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