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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 (LBP-16-7) 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.

First, Diana Diaz-Toro has accepted another position at the agency and will no longer be working on the Crow Butte license renewal. Jean Trefethen will continue to serve as project manager and will be the primary point of contact for the Staff going forward. Second, due to weather-related schedule changes, Mr. Spangler will not be able to review the Oglala Sioux Tribe's draft survey report until March 9, 2022 (instead of March 7 as originally planned). Finally, while awaiting the final survey report, the Staff has been planning how to proceed with drafting the supplement to the Environmental Assessment once the final report is received.

The Staff will submit its next monthly status report by April 1, 2022, in accordance with the Board's mandate.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed (electronically) by

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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 March, 2022, 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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