UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

Michael M. Gibson, Chairman Dr. Richard F. Cole Dr. Brian K. Hajek

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

October 28, 2014

ORDER (Scheduling Filing of New/Amended Contentions and Requesting Proposed Evidentiary Hearing Dates)

On October 27, 2014, the NRC Staff notified the Board and parties that the Staff's final

Environmental Assessment for the Crow Butte License Renewal is publicly available in the

NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System.¹ In this proceeding's Initial

Scheduling Order, the Board explained that the parties should expect future deadlines to comply

with the applicable model milestones (Appendix B to Part 2) for hearings conducted under 10

C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart L.²

Following the public availability of the Final EA, new/amended contentions from the

intervenors are due within 30 days of issuance of the Final NEPA document. Intervenors should

¹ Final Environmental Assessment Notification, Letter from Marcia J. Simon, Counsel for the NRC Staff, to Administrative Judges (Oct. 27, 2014) at 1.

² Initial Scheduling Order (Jan. 8, 2009) at 6 (unpublished).

therefore submit any new/amended contentions by <u>November 26, 2014</u>. Under 10 C.F.R. § 2.309(i)(1) answers to proposed new/amended contentions are due within 25 days after service of a new/amended contentions motion, or by <u>December 22, 2014</u>. A reply to the answer may be filed within 7 days after service of the answer, or by <u>December 29, 2014</u>.

The Board will soon issue a more extensive scheduling order. In the interim, the Board directs all parties to confer and report to the Board on acceptable dates – no earlier than April 20, 2015 – to hold the evidentiary hearing. This report is due by <u>December 1, 2014</u>.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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Michael M. Gibson, Chair ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **Order (Scheduling Filing of New/Amended Contentions and Requesting Proposed Evidentiary Hearing Dates)** have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange, and by electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk*.

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