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## **POWERTECH (USA) INC.**

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Kevin Hsueh, Chief  
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Assessment Directorate  
Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental  
Management Programs  
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Mailstop T8H09  
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**VIA Email and USPS**

**Re: Reply to October 4, 2012 Letter and SOW**

Dear Mr. Hsueh:

As we noted in our letter to you dated August 29, 2012, despite substantial efforts on our part over the past year, Powertech (USA) Inc. (Powertech) has been unable to secure information about properties of religious and cultural significance to federally recognized Indian tribes that may be affected by the proposed Dewey-Burdock Project. Powertech is willing to make every effort to avoid adversely affecting National Register-eligible properties of religious and cultural significance within the areas of disturbance for the Dewey-Burdock license boundary if NRC is able to identify such properties through the agency's government-to-government consultations with the interested Indian tribes.

As we also noted in the August 29 letter, Powertech is willing to support financially NRC's efforts to complete the agency's responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act up to the amount of \$100,000. We will take responsibility for disbursing these funds as NRC staff may direct to pay for field or ethnohistoric studies, tribal site visits, ethnographic interviews, or other efforts determined to be necessary by NRC.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Blubaugh

cc: R. F. Clement, President and CEO  
Thompson & Pugsley, PLLC  
Lynne Sebastian, SRI Foundation