November 1, 2012

William J. Froehlich, Chair Administrative Judge Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel Mail Stop T-3 F23 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Richard F. Cole Administrative Judge Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel Mail Stop T-3 F23 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001 Mark O. Barnett Administrative Judge Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel Mail Stop T-3 F23 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

In the Matter of POWERTECH (USA) INC., Docket No. 40-9075-MLA; ASLBP No. 10-898-02-MLA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.336(b) and (c) and 2.1203, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Staff provides the Licensing Board and the parties with an updated index listing documents required to be disclosed by the Staff. (Attachment 1.) These non-privileged documents may be viewed by accessing the hearing file for this proceeding that is maintained by the NRC's Office of the Secretary.

The Staff is also attaching two (2) indices listing documents that, under 10 C.F.R. § 2.390, are exempt from disclosure and for which the Staff is asserting a privilege or immunity. (Attachments 2 and 3.)

Along with the attached update to its hearing file index, the Staff is providing affidavits (1) certifying that all relevant materials required by 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(c) have been disclosed, and (2) formally invoking the deliberative process privilege for one document.

The Staff will update its mandatory disclosures, hearing file, and privilege logs in accordance with 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.336(d) and 2.1202(c) no later than December 3, 2012.

Sincerely,

/Signed (electronically) by/ Patricia Jehle

Patricia Jehle Counsel for NRC Staff

- Enclosures: Attachment 1: Hearing File Index Attachment 2: Deliberative Process Privilege Log Attachment 3: Proprietary Information Log Affidavit of Ronald Burrows Declaration of Andrew Persinko
- cc: Electronic Information Exchange Service List

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ATTACHMENT 2 POWERTECH HEARING FILE AND MANDATORY DISCLOSURES DELIBERATIVE PROCESS PRIVILEGE LOG November 1, 2012

Certain documents otherwise subject to inclusion in the hearing file and mandatory disclosures for this proceeding have been determined by the NRC Staff to contain information subject to withholding from public disclosure as predecisional, deliberative information. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(b)(5), the Staff is providing this log to identify the following documents withheld under the deliberative process privilege. Additionally, these documents have been determined by the NRC Staff to contain information subject to withholding from public disclosure as sensitive information. As such, they are being withheld because they contain sensitive information that, under 10 C.F.R. § 2.390(a)(5), is exempt from disclosure.

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DP- 00-271	ML12248A434	Michals, S., SD, Dept of Game, Fish & Parks	S. Michals Letter re: PowerTech, Inc. Exploration Notice of Intent Fall River and Custer Counties.	10/17/2008	Letter	Roberta Fivecoate, SD/DENR Minerals and Mining Program.	Interagency correspondence concerning protection of nests. Also, contains non-public information regarding nest locations that was sent to the Staff by a South Dakota state agency.	1

ATTACHMENT 3 POWERTECH HEARING FILE AND MANDATORY DISCLOSURES PROPRIETARY INFORMATION LOG Update – November 2012

Certain documents otherwise subject to inclusion in the hearing file and mandatory disclosures for this proceeding have been determined by the NRC Staff to contain information subject to withholding from public disclosure as sensitive information. Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(b)(5), the Staff is providing this log to identify the following document withheld because it contains commercial or financial information that, under 10 C.F.R. § 2.390(a)(4), is exempt from disclosure.

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PR-00- 03	ML12278A189	Makoche Wowapi; Mentz-Wilson Consultants, LLP	Proposal with Cost Estimate for Traditional Cultural Properties Survey for Proposed Dewey Burdock Project	09/27/2012	Budget Planning and Estimates	This document is withheld as proprietary at the request of Makoche Wowapi and Mentz-Wilson Consultants, LLP, pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.390(a)(4).	
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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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AFFIDAVIT OF RONALD BURROWS CONCERNING MANDATORY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT OF 10 C.F.R. § 2.336(c)

I, Ronald Burrows, do hereby state as follows:

1. I am employed as a Senior Health Physicist in the Nuclear Regulatory

Commission's Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery Licensing Directorate. Among my responsibilities, I serve as Project Manager for Powertech (USA) Inc.'s application for a license to be used in connection with the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium recovery facility. In this capacity, I am managing the preparation of the NRC Staff's hearing file and mandatory disclosures in connection with Powertech's application.

2. I hereby certify that all materials the Staff must disclose in this proceeding under

10 C.F.R. § 2.336 (b) and (c) have been disclosed, and that the disclosures are accurate and complete as of the date of this certification.

3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Konahla Burrows

Executed in Rockville, MD this 1st day of November 2012

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DECLARATION OF ANDREW PERSINKO

I, Andrew Persinko, do hereby state as follows:

1. I am employed as Deputy Director in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery Licensing Directorate. My supervisory responsibilities include oversight of the NRC Staff's review and evaluation of Powertech (USA) Inc.'s application for a license to be used in connection with the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium recovery facility.

2. As part of their responsibilities in preparing the hearing file and mandatory disclosures for this proceeding, NRC staff members under my supervision identified one document as privileged because it contains information concerning the Staff's deliberative process. The document is listed in Attachment 2 to the Staff's October Update to the Hearing File, which I understand will be filed on November 1, 2012.

3. I have personally reviewed the document identified as privileged in Attachment 2 and have determined, in accordance with the guidance set forth in Management Directive 3.4, that the document contains predecisional information concerning the Staff's review of Powertech's license application. The document contains or reflects the Staff's analyses, recommendations, opinions, or evaluations, and it may not necessarily reflect the final agency position with respect to the matters referred to therein. The document comprises part of the deliberative process necessary to the Staff's review of Powertech's license application.

4. Further, I have determined that disclosure of the document could result in harm to the agency, in that it would (a) prematurely disclose the preliminary views of individual Staff members or the Staff prior to reaching a final agency decision, potentially creating confusion as to the actual policy or views of the NRC Staff; (b) hinder the efficiency of the Staff, in that forced disclosure of its internal discussions on an unresolved issue would tend to chill all future deliberations and would interfere with the Staff's ability to engage in a free exchange of opinions and analyses prior to publishing its final review documents; and (c) imply or suggest incorrectly that the opinions of the Staff members involved in these communications are actually the final decisions of the agency, when no such final decision has yet been made.

5. Accordingly, I formally invoke the deliberative process privilege with respect to the document listed in Attachment 2 the Staff's Hearing File Update of November 1, 2011.

6. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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Andrew Persinko

Executed in Rockville, Maryland this 1st day of November 2012

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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