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

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its last status report, the Staff estimated that it would issue its Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for the proposed Dewey-Burdock Project this month. The Staff has, in fact, finished drafting the SER, and it is now completing its final review of the document. The Staff estimates that it will issue the SER in approximately two weeks.

As part of its final review of the SER, the Staff will send Powertech a revised version of the draft license. This is standard practice in uranium recovery licensing cases. The Staff sends the applicant a revised version of the draft license to ensure the applicant clearly understands the conditions that will appear in its license, should one be granted.¹ Because the analysis in the SER refers frequently to license conditions, the Staff's practice is to withhold issuing the SER until the applicant confirms its understanding of the conditions in the revised draft license.

Assuming there is no need to revise any of the proposed license conditions, and assuming Powertech's timely input on the revised draft license, the Staff expects to make the SER publicly available in mid-March.²

Sincerely,

***/Signed (electronically) by/
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¹ The Staff will send counsel for the other parties an electronic copy of the revised draft license, when it becomes available.

² Unlike with draft and final environmental impact statements, the Staff's practice is to *not* print hard copies of the SER. Once the SER becomes publicly available, however, the Staff will promptly notify the Board and the parties where they can access an electronic version of the document.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R § 2.305 (revised), I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S SUPPLEMENTAL STATUS REPORT" in this proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE), the NRC's E-Filing System, in the above-captioned proceeding, this 25th day of February 2013.

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