

July 1, 2015

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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 Partial Initial Decision issued on April 30, 2015, the Board directed the Staff to submit monthly reports regarding its consultation efforts with the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

On June 23, 2015, the Staff sent a letter inviting the Tribe to continue consulting with the Staff on matters related to the Dewey-Burdock Project.¹ The Staff specifically requested the Tribe's views on any Sioux cultural, historical, or religious sites that may be affected by the Project, along with the Tribe's input on the development of mitigation measures. In addition, the Staff offered the Tribe a government-to-government meeting to discuss issues related to cultural resources. The Staff is currently awaiting a response from the Tribe, and the Staff's next actions will depend on the Tribe's response.

On August 3, 2015, the Staff will update the Board on the status of its consultations with the Tribe.

Sincerely,

***/Signed (electronically) by/
Patricia A. Jehle***

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¹ On June 24, 2015, the Staff provided a copy of the letter to the Board and the other parties.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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(Dewey-Burdock In Situ Uranium Recovery)	Date: July 1, 2015
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.305 (revised) and the Board's Orders, I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "NRC STAFF'S STATUS REPORT" in this proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE), the NRC's E-Filing System, this 1st day of July, 2015.

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