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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 January 13, 2017, the Staff received a letter from Ms. Trina Lone Hill, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, agreeing to participate in a teleconference meeting with the Staff to discuss issues related to a cultural resources survey of the Dewey-Burdock property and the Oglala Sioux Tribe's concerns pertaining to the Programmatic Agreement associated with the Dewey-Burdock project. Between January 13 and January 26, 2017, the Staff and counsel for the Tribe exchanged emails regarding arrangements for the proposed teleconference.

On January 31, 2017, representatives of the Staff and the Oglala Sioux Tribe took part in a teleconference meeting. The Staff and the Tribe discussed several issues relating to the identification and protection of cultural resources at the Dewey-Burdock project site, including the perspectives of the parties concerning a proposed survey for Tribal historic and cultural resources at the site and the terms and implementation of the Programmatic Agreement. The Staff intends to issue a public meeting summary after it receives input from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, which the Staff anticipates will be included in its next hearing file update.

The Staff will update the Board on the status of its consultations with the Tribe on March 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

***/Signed (electronically) by/
Emily Monteith***

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.305, I hereby certify that copies of the "NRC STAFF'S CONSULTATION STATUS REPORT" in this proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE), the NRC's E-Filing System, this 1st day of February, 2017. Counsel for the Staff served those representatives exempted from filing through the EIE with copies of its update by electronic mail, also on February 1, 2017.

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