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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.

Following the receipt of information from counsel for the Oglala Sioux Tribe that Ms. Trina Lone Hill was no longer the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Oglala Sioux Tribe, the Staff contacted the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Natural Resources Regulatory Agency in an effort to identify the appropriate point of contact for the Tribe. On May 8, 2017, based on its understanding from these outreach efforts that Ms. Lone Hill had returned to her position after an absence of approximately one week, the Staff reissued its invitation to the Oglala Sioux Tribe to participate in a survey of the Dewey-Burdock Project area and requested that the Tribe respond with its acceptance or rejection of this invitation by May 19, 2017.

On May 17, 2017, counsel for the Oglala Sioux Tribe stated that the Tribe expected to provide a response to NRC Staff's letter by May 31, 2017. On May 31, 2017, the Staff received a letter from Ms. Trina Lone Hill responding to the Staff's April 14, 2017 invitation letter. This letter, and the foregoing communications, are included in the Staff's hearing file update for this month.

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

Respectfully submitted,

***/Signed (electronically) by/  
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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 June, 2017. Counsel for the Staff served those representatives exempted from filing through the EIE with copies of its update by electronic mail, also on June 1, 2017.

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