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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 accordance with the Board's Partial Initial Decision issued on April 30, 2015, and the Board's Memorandum and Order issued on October 19, 2017, the Staff submits this monthly status report regarding the progress of its efforts to resolve Contention 1A.

The Staff is completing its internal alignment on a proposed methodology for remedying the deficiencies identified by the Board with respect to the Staff's environmental review of tribal cultural resources that may be affected by the Dewey-Burdock project. The Staff intends to share its proposed methodology for obtaining information on potentially impacted Lakota Sioux cultural resources with the parties on or before December 8, 2017. The Staff will be available to discuss the proposed methodology with the Board and parties in the teleconference scheduled for December 12, 2017.

The Staff will update the Board on the status of its efforts to resolve Contention 1A on January 2, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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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 STATUS REPORT" in this proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE), the NRC's E-Filing System, this 1st day of December, 2017. Counsel for the Staff served those representatives exempted from filing through the EIE with copies of its update by electronic mail, also on December 1, 2017.

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