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February 20, 2018

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SUBJECT: POWERTECH'S RESPONSE TO THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL TO IDENTIFY HISTORIC, CULTURAL, AND RELIGIOUS SITES AT THE DEWEY-BURDOCK IN SITU URANIUM RECOVERY PROJECT (DOCKET NUMBER 40-9075)

Dear Mr. Mays:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff received your letter dated January 19, 2018 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System [ADAMS] Accession Number ML18019B268), responding to NRC's December 6, 2017, proposal (ADAMS Accession Number ML17340B37) to identify sites of historic, cultural, and religious significance to the Lakota Sioux Tribes and gather information to supplement the final supplemental environmental impact statement (FSEIS) for the Dewey-Burdock in situ uranium recovery project. The NRC staff appreciates the information provided with respect to scope of the NRC's proposal and Powertech (USA) Inc.'s (Powertech's) alternative proposal to conduct an ethnographic study based on literature survey.

On February 1, 2018, Powertech further discussed the matter, through its counsel, with the counsels for the NRC staff, the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and Consolidated Intervenors. During this teleconference call, Powertech, Consolidated Intervenors, and the Oglala Sioux Tribe's counsels committed to provide additional information regarding the NRC's proposal. The NRC staff received information from the Oglala Sioux Tribe and you on February 15, 2018. The NRC is evaluating the new information received to make a decision on how to proceed with respect to the resolution of the FSEIS deficiencies identified by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel in its Order LBP-15-16 dated April 30, 2015. Once a decision has been made, the NRC will provide the approach to all the parties.

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If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at [Cinthya.Roman@nrc.gov](mailto:Cinthya.Roman@nrc.gov) or telephone at (301) 415-7093.

Sincerely,

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