

May 1, 2018

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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.

On March 13, 2018, the Staff issued letters to the other Lakota Sioux Tribes inviting them to participate in the Staff's selected approach to remedy 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 requested the Tribes' responses by May 11, 2018. The Staff also issued a letter to the Oglala Sioux Tribe's new point of contact to provide updated information regarding Powertech's offer of reimbursement for tribal participation in the Staff's selected approach.

The Staff also understands that counsel for the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Powertech have continued to discuss the terms of Powertech's offer of reimbursement for the Tribes' participation in the Staff's approach.

The Staff is continuing to proceed with its selected approach and timeline as described in the Staff's letter to the parties dated March 16, 2018. The Staff will update the Board on the status of its efforts to resolve Contention 1A on June 1, 2018.

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 STATUS REPORT" in this proceeding have been served via the Electronic Information Exchange (EIE), the NRC's E-Filing System, this 1st day of May, 2018. Counsel for the Staff served those representatives exempted from filing through the EIE with copies of its update by electronic mail, also on May 1, 2018.

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