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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:

On October 4, 2010, the Board issued an order directing the Staff to submit monthly status reports specifying its best estimates of the issuance dates for draft and final documents associated with its review of Powertech's application. The Staff filed its last status report on May 1, 2012.

The Staff's current best estimates are:

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)
September 2012

Safety Evaluation Report (SER)
October 2012

Final SEIS
January 2013–May 2013

The estimates for issuance of the Draft SEIS and SER have been revised slightly since the last status report. The Staff has revised its estimates by one month (Draft SEIS) and two months (SER) in order to fully incorporate internal comments on each document. The Staff would note that the SER will be a final, published document, and that the above estimate takes into account preparation of a *Federal Register* notice. As for the Final SEIS, the Staff's estimate is the same as in the last status report.

In prior status reports, the Staff also stated that it planned to issue Powertech a draft license in June 2012. Although the Staff was unable to issue a draft license by the end of last month, it fully expects to do so this month.

The Staff's next status report is due August 1, 2012. At that time the Staff will provide updated estimates of the release dates for documents associated with its safety and environmental reviews.

Sincerely,

***/Signed (electronically) by/
Patricia Jehle***

Patricia Jehle
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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(Dewey-Burdock In Situ Uranium Recovery)	Date: July 2, 2012
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***/Signed (electronically) by/
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