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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 February 1, 2012.

The Staff's current best estimates for the issuance of its remaining documents are:

SER
Mid-March 2013 (within approximately the next two weeks)

Final SEIS
May 2013

As the Staff suggested in its last Status Report, the May 2013 estimate for issuance of the Final SEIS will need to be revised. The Staff is currently reviewing its budgeted resources and addressing certain budget uncertainties, while at the same time taking steps to expedite its preparation of the Final SEIS. The Staff expects to be able to provide a reasonably certain estimate of the Final SEIS issuance date within the next several weeks. The Staff will update the Board and the parties as soon as it arrives at its new estimate, and the Staff will file a supplemental status report as necessary.

Sincerely,

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

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R § 2.305 (revised), I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "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 March 2013.

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