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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 its Partial Initial Decision issued on April 30, 2015, the Board directed the Staff to submit monthly reports regarding its consultation efforts with the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

On May 19, 2016, representatives of the NRC Staff and the Oglala Sioux Tribe held a face-to-face meeting in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. The purpose of the meeting was twofold: (i) to introduce the NRC's new management team responsible for the consultation process with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and (ii) to start the dialogue, on a government-to-government basis, regarding a path forward for consultation with the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

At the meeting, the Staff discussed the re-organization of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS),¹ including the management changes that occurred within the last two years. The Staff also provided an update of the Dewey-Burdock ISR project. The Staff discussed several issues with the tribe, including Tribal laws and ordinances, the Programmatic Agreement (PA), and past and proposed surveys at the site to identify historic and cultural resources. The Staff intends to issue a public meeting summary after it receives input from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, which the Staff will include in its next hearing file update.

¹ NMSS is responsible for regulating activities which provide for the safe and secure production of nuclear fuel used in commercial nuclear reactors (including uranium recovery activities); the safe storage, transportation and disposal of high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel; and the transportation of radioactive materials regulated under the Atomic Energy Act.

The Staff will update the Board on the status of its consultations with the Tribe on July 1, 2016.

Sincerely,

***/Signed (electronically) by/
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 2.305 (revised) and the Board's Orders, 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 June, 2016. Counsel for the Staff served those representatives exempted from filing through the EIE with copies of its motion by electronic mail, also on June 1, 2016.

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