UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

William J. Froehlich, Chairman Dr. Mark O. Barnett G. Paul Bollwerk, III

In the Matter of

POWERTECH USA, INC.

(Dewey-Burdock In Situ Uranium Recovery Facility) Docket No. 40-9075-MLA

ASLBP No. 10-898-02-MLA-BD01

October 24, 2016

ORDER (Scheduling Telephonic Status Conference)

In response to the Licensing Board's October 13, 2016 order requesting scheduling information for a telephone conference with the parties, <u>see</u> Licensing Board Memorandum and Order (Requesting Scheduling Information for Telephone Conference Call) (Oct. 13, 2016) at 2 (unpublished), a representative of the collective parties contacted the Board on October 21, 2016, regarding their availability. Based on the information provided, the conference is scheduled for <u>Monday</u>, <u>November 7, 2016</u>, <u>beginning at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time</u>. The Board anticipates that this conference will last no more than two hours.

The Licensing Board will establish a bridge line for this conference, with three lines provided for each party.¹ In the near future, a Board representative will contact the parties with instructions on how to access the telephone conference. Listen-only telephone access will also be made available for members of the public.

¹ If any party requires additional lines, it should promptly contact Board law clerk Cooper Strickland at Cooper.Strickland@nrc.gov.

During the conference, the Board would like to discuss with the parties the status of government-to-government consultations. The subjects to be discussed include, but may not be limited to:

- (1) the status of development activities at the Dewey-Burdock site;
- (2) the status of permitting proceedings regarding the Dewey-Burdock site pending before the State of South Dakota and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, <u>see</u> Powertech (USA), Inc. Request for Status Report on Petition for Review of LBP-15-16 (Mar. 28, 2016) at 2;
- (3) the schedule of up-coming government-to-government consultations between the Oglala Sioux Tribe and the NRC Staff;
- (4) the parties' collective and/or independent efforts to identify cultural, religious, and historic resources of significance to the Oglala Sioux Tribe following the Board's Partial Initial Decision;
- (5) the NRC Staff's plan to prepare a supplement to the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement regarding cultural, historic, and religious resources of significance to the Oglala Sioux Tribe; and
- (6) the parties' positions regarding the procedural course the Board should take to bring about a final resolution of Contentions 1A and 1B.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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William J. Froehlich, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland October 24, 2016

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **ORDER** (Scheduling Telephonic Status Conference) have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange, and by electronic mail as indicated by an asterisk.

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