

January 2, 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.

The Staff shared its proposed methodology for obtaining information on Lakota Sioux cultural resources potentially impacted by the Dewey-Burdock project with the parties on December 6, 2017, and discussed the proposed methodology during the teleconference held December 12, 2017. The Staff requested that the parties share their feedback on the proposed methodology with the Staff by January 19, 2018.

The Staff will update the Board on the status of its efforts to resolve Contention 1A on February 1, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

***/Signed (electronically) by/  
David Cylkowski***

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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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 2nd day of January, 2018. Counsel for the Staff served those representatives exempted from filing through the EIE with copies of its update by electronic mail, also on January 2, 2018.

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