

February 1, 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.

On January 19, 2018, the Staff received responses from the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Consolidated Intervenor, and Powertech to the Staff's proposed methodology for remedying the deficiencies identified by the Board with respect to the Staff's environmental review of tribal cultural resources that may be affected by the Dewey-Burdock project.

As discussed in the teleconference with the Board and parties held on January 24, 2018, counsel for the Staff will participate in a teleconference at 2:00pm ET on Thursday, February 1, 2018, with counsel for the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Consolidated Intervenor, and Powertech, to discuss the parties' responses to the Staff's proposed methodology. On January 31, 2018, counsel for the Staff proposed to counsel for the other parties a set of topics for discussion to help facilitate the upcoming teleconference.

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

Respectfully submitted,

***/Signed (electronically) by/  
Emily Monteith***

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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 1st day of February, 2018. Counsel for the Staff served those representatives exempted from filing through the EIE with copies of its update by electronic mail, also on February 1, 2018.

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