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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.

As discussed in the teleconference with the Board and parties held on February 23, 2018, the Staff is working on a final 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. The Staff will share its proposed methodology for obtaining information on potentially impacted Lakota Sioux cultural resources with the parties as soon as practicable.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

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