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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 NRC staff submits this monthly status report regarding the progress of its efforts to resolve Contention 1A.

On February 8, 2019, the NRC staff held a teleconference meeting, facilitated by a member of the Federal, State, and Tribal Liaison Branch, with representatives from the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Rosebud Sioux Tribe. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce new NRC staff and contractor personnel to the Oglala Sioux Tribe and to discuss the process for future negotiation meetings regarding the development of the site survey methodology.

On February 15, 2019, the NRC staff transmitted a draft site survey methodology to facilitate discussions with the invited Tribes. The NRC staff held another teleconference meeting, facilitated by a member of the Federal, State, and Tribal Liaison Branch, with the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Rosebud Sioux Tribe on February 19, 2019. The purpose of that meeting was to begin discussing the draft survey methodology that the NRC staff had transmitted on February 15, 2019.

On February 22, 2019, the NRC staff and contractor attended a meeting with the Oglala Sioux Tribe, members of its Tribal Historic Preservation Advisory Council, and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs) from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. At the meeting, the Tribes raised several concerns and objections regarding the NRC staff's draft survey methodology. The NRC staff is continuing to assess those concerns. Another teleconference meeting with the invited Tribes is planned for March 5, 2019.

The Staff will update the Board on the status of its efforts to resolve Contention 1A on April 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

***/Signed (electronically) by/  
Lorraine Baer***

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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, 2019. 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, 2019.

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