#### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

William J. Froehlich, Chairman Dr. Richard F. Cole Dr. Mark O. Barnett

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

December 18, 2012

ORDER

(Granting Unopposed Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Contentions)

On December 14, 2012, the Oglala Sioux Tribe (Tribe) and Consolidated Intervenors

filed an Unopposed Joint Motion for Extension of Time in the above-captioned matter.<sup>1</sup> The

Tribe and Consolidated Intervenors seek an extension of time up to and including Friday,

January 25, 2013, in which to file any contentions related to the Draft Supplemental

Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS). The current deadline for filing any new or amended

contentions based on the DSEIS is December 31, 2012.<sup>2</sup> The parties request an extension

because of the length of the DSEIS, the intervening holidays and events,<sup>3</sup> and scheduling

conflicts as the result of the election of a new tribal council and the retention of experts for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Unopposed Joint Motion for Extension of Time for the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Consolidated Intervenors to Submit Contentions Based on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (Dec. 14, 2012) [hereinafter Motion for Extension].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>See</u> Order (Second Prehearing Conference Call Summary and Supplemental Initial Scheduling Order) (Oct. 16, 2012) at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Thanksgiving (Nov. 22), Channukah (Dec. 9–16), Christmas (Dec. 25), and New Year's Day (Dec. 31–Jan. 1), as well as the Chief Big Foot Memorial Ride and the Winter Solstice observances on the Pine Ridge reservation.

review of the DSEIS that fall before the current deadline.<sup>4</sup> As required by 10 C.F.R. § 2.323(b), counsel for the Tribe and Consolidated Intervenors contacted counsel for Powertech (USA), Inc. and the NRC Staff regarding this motion. The Tribe and Consolidated Intervenors represent that the NRC Staff does not oppose their motion and that the applicant, Powertech (USA), Inc., does not take a position on their motion.<sup>5</sup>

For good cause shown, the Unopposed Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Contentions is GRANTED. The filing date for any contentions based on the DSEIS is extended from December 31, 2012, to January 25, 2013.

It is so ORDERED.

# THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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William J. Froehlich, Chairman ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland December 18, 2012

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Motion for Extension at 2–3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>₅</sup> <u>Id.</u> at 1.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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