August 22, 2012

Bill Markley, Administrator
Groundwater Quality Program
South Dakota Department of Environment
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Re: Powertech (USA) Inc.’s Request to Postpone Recommendation for Groundwater Discharge Plan Permit Application for the Dewey-Burdock Project, Fall River and Custer Counties

Dear Mr. Markley:

By this letter, Powertech (USA) Inc. requests the agency postpone its recommendation to the Board of Water Management regarding the pending Groundwater Discharge Plan for the Dewey-Burdock Project located in Fall River and Custer Counties. This request is being made to allow additional time for Powertech and the agency to review and address certain issues related to the application.

It is our understanding that the time of the postponement would be limited and not of indefinite duration. Please let us know if you need additional information or if you would like to discuss any issues further in this regard.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

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    Mark Hollenbeck, Powertech
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