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Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources
523 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

To DENR Representatives:

Enclosed you will find a "resolution" passed by the Black Hills Business Council on May 10, 2013 in support of the Dewey-Burdock Project as proposed by PowerTech.

Black Hills Business Council (BHBC) is a membership based organization whose purpose is to develop, advance and communicate regional issues, which foster and promote greater diversity and strength within the Black Hills economy. The organization is comprised of Chamber, Economic Development and Utility Professionals from throughout the region and includes representation from the following communities: Rapid City, Spearfish, Deadwood, Custer, Hot Springs, Sturgis, Belle Fourche, Wall, Hill City, Whitewood, Edgemont, Lead and Box Elder.

We are requesting that the DENR please keep this letter on file as it pertains to PowerTech's environmental applications which are currently under review by your agency.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 605-642-3832.

Best Regards,

Bryan Walker
Chairman



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RESOLUTION

Supporting Responsible Uranium Recovery in Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota

WHEREAS Powertech (USA) Inc. desires to extract uranium on the Dewey-Burdock Project site in Fall River and Custer Counties utilizing the *in situ* recovery method; and

WHEREAS the Dewey-Burdock Project has been analyzed by knowledgeable independent parties and demonstrates excellent economic characteristics as well as safe and environmentally sound capacity to be mined such that it meets the requirements of South Dakota and Federal oversight agencies; and

WHEREAS the economic base of the State of South Dakota and Fall River and Custer Counties will be significantly enhanced as Powertech (USA) Inc. directly or indirectly employs over 80 workers, provides an influx of more than \$50 million in non-payroll capital expenditures, and pays mineral severance taxes estimated to be more than \$10 million to the State of South Dakota and more than \$5 million each to Fall River County and Custer County; and

WHEREAS uranium mining in Fall River and Custer Counties will be strictly regulated and overseen by the State of South Dakota, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency so as to protect the public health, worker health and the surrounding environment; and

WHEREAS it is the belief of this entity that energy production and economic development will be balanced with environmental stewardship in Fall River and Custer Counties.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon demonstrating to state and federal regulators that operations at the Dewey-Burdock Project can be done in a manner that is protective of the public health and the environment, the Black Hills Business Council supports and encourages the granting of state and federal licenses and permits to Powertech (USA) Inc. to commence *in situ* uranium recovery activities at the Dewey-Burdock Project site in Fall River and Custer Counties, South Dakota.

Black Hills Business Council

By: 

Title: President

Date: May 10, 2013