

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD**

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**In the Matter of Water Permit  
Applications 2685-2 and 2686-2  
Powertech (USA) Inc.**

**In the Matter of the 2012  
Groundwater Discharge Plan  
Application Submitted by Powertech  
(USA) Inc.**

**Re: Powertech's Motion to Allow Narrative Testimony**

Comes now, Susan R. Henderson, representing herself to strenuously object to Powertech's Motion to Allow Narrative Testimony in the upcoming water permit and groundwater discharge plan hearings.

Please consider that the Water Management Board has a fiduciary duty to protect the public, its resources, including but not limited to clean water, clean air, and the reasonable pursuit of its traditional livelihood. This includes protecting water for municipalities, towns and cities as well as supplies used by private citizens for homes and livestock watering for agriculture operations.

The State of South Dakota, its legislature, local county and city governments, and many other influential groups in South Dakota have been lobbied extensively since 2005 by Powertech and its employees, stockholders, and professional lobbyists. It is my view that much of the information provided by Powertech has been biased towards Powertech's interests. In many cases key issues have been misrepresented or downright lied about.

The upcoming hearings will be difficult at best for laymen to navigate properly. We need all the due process we can get. This includes the right to question all witnesses, the right to ask specific questions and the right to introduce any and all documents, maps, pictures, newspaper and magazine articles, government reports, water samples, and any and all such exhibits we may wish to provide which will present the other side of this case.

Please note that however this case comes out, it will have far reaching effects on South Dakota for decades to come. Please rule against this motion and allow everyday citizens the proper chance to be heard about this very important issue.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Susan R. Henderson  
September 9, 2013