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RE: WMB Hearing of Powertech's Water Permit Applications 2685-2 and 2686-2 and 2012 Groundwater Discharge Plan Application

Dear Sir;

Twenty five years ago, Dayton O. Hyde found a magical place in America located on eleven thousand acres of privately owned short grass prairie in a very remote southwest corner of the South Dakota Black Hills. Dayton's mission was to create a Sanctuary with private land dedicated to range preservation and a balance ecosystem. His dream was to provide a permanent home for unwanted wild horses captured by the Bureau of Land Management on public land. The mustangs would become his partner in saving the land and all of its natural resources.

The Institute of Range and American Mustang (IRAM) a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation registered in the state of South Dakota was founded by Dayton O. Hyde in 1988 south of Hot Springs for the purpose of creating a wild horse sanctuary on this pristine landscape. IRAM's Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary today is home to over 500 unwanted mustangs and thousands of native species of plants and wildlife. The Sanctuary is also a working ranch with a 100 head of Red Angus Cattle, 100 domestic horses, water rights irrigation of 80 acres of hay ground from Cascade Creek and all the aspects of ranch life.

As intervenors in the WMB Hearing, Dayton O. Hyde and I respectfully request a delay in the WMB Hearing on the two Powertech Applications for Water Permits and the 2012 Groundwater Discharge Plan Application later 2013 until October or November. Due to the large quantity of legal documents needed for this hearing, we need time to prepare the paperwork. The second reason we are asking for a fall postponement is the fact that as members of the Agricultural Industry in South Dakota our calves are being born daily during the months of March, April and May and this is an extremely crucial time for ranchers to be present for these events.

Dayton and I appreciate the consideration of the WMB in the postponement of the hearing and regret to let you know we will not be in attendance at the March 6, 2013 WMB General Meeting in Pierre.

Kindest Regards,

Dayton O. Hyde
President, Founder

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