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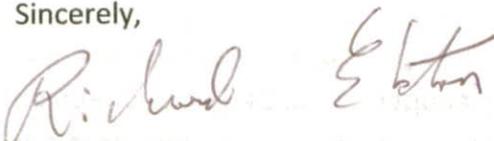
Re: Hearing on Black Hills Mining

Dear Sirs/Madams:

We are for immediate operation by Powertech, Inc. to mine uranium in the Dewey-Burdock region in South Dakota. Our national government is in dire need of alternate energy to reduce the environmental damage of motor emissions. Fossil fuels are more damaging to the environment. The present national feeling that many more jobs will be necessary and mining will create many more jobs. The proposal of immediate mining of the leach mining operation and modern technology will save the environment as proposed by Powertech.

This request of intent to operate by Powertech on these lands I am completely in favor of for national security as soon as possible. I am answering a request of my Grandfather and Father who homesteaded this land for its use for our country.

Sincerely,



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