


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

State of North Dakota

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco, Executive Director

From:  Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: June 11, 2008

Subject: Close-out of Contract AM-545-07 for exploratory drilling near Underwood and in Beulah

On October 12, 2007, the Commission awarded a contract to T & C Drilling, Inc. of Mandan in the amount of \$75,490 for exploratory drilling at abandoned underground mines in Mercer and McLean Counties. The abandoned underground mines in Mercer County were located in the southeast part of Beulah and the other mine was located along State Highway 200 east of Underwood. Drilling was carried out to detect possible underground mine voids in the areas and to case drill holes where voids were found.

Work east of Underwood in the right-of-way of Highway 200 was completed last fall and no voids were located. The work at Beulah was not completed until early May and two voids were found in areas that were drilled. The work has been completed to the satisfaction of the project manager. The total amount of the contract was spent on the project. Since the contracted work has been completed, I recommend that the contract be closed.

Attached is a motion for the June 19, 2008 Commission meeting to close Contract Number AM-545-07.

Attachment

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