


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: March 19, 2008

Subject: Close-out contract for abstract work done for the Columbus Phase 9 AML project

On January 30th, the Commission entered into a contract with Northwest Abstract and Title, Inc. in the amount of \$500 for a title memoranda for the land that will be affected by the Columbus Phase 9 AML project. Title work was needed to show a complete chain of title from patent to and including the current legal and equitable surface ownership interest; the date and manner ownership interests were acquired; and any outstanding encumbrances on the lands. The contract work has been completed and based on the title memorandum provided, Bill Binek has issued a determination of potentially lienable properties on the lands that will be affected at the Columbus AML site this year.

Since the contracted work has been completed, I recommend that Contract No. AM-554-08 be closed. Attached is a motion for the March 26, 2008 Commission meeting to close-out the contract.