

APPENDIX

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12-31-08



MOTION

December 31, 2008

**2009 - 2012 AML Grant
ND Reclamation Simplified Grant
Application**

AM-08-888

I move the Commission submit the 2009 - 2012 North Dakota Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Simplified Grant Application to the Office of Surface Mining requesting \$3,037,279 in federal funds for the Abandoned Mine Lands Program.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark
Darrell Nitschke

FROM: Jim Deutsch, Director – AML Division
Gloria Geiger, Administrative Staff Officer

DATE: December 22, 2008

RE: 2009-2012 AML ND Reclamation Simplified Grant Application
Case No. AM-08-888

Attached is the 2009-2012 AML Reclamation Simplified Grant application in the amount of \$3,037,279 for funding our AML program. The amount of this application is slightly less than the amount of the 2008-2011 grant due to reduction of the AML fee that took effect October 1, 2007. Mining companies producing lignite currently pay nine cents per ton rather than ten cents per ton as they paid in the past.

As calculated by OSM, North Dakota's total mandatory distribution from the sources of funds for the FY 2009 Abandoned Mine Lands grant will be \$2,937,279. In addition to that amount, this grant application requests another \$100,000 for funding our Emergency Program.

The 2009-2012 grant period will begin on March 1, 2009. The administrative portion of the grant covers a one year time period and will end on February 28, 2010, while the construction portion of the grant will run until February 28, 2012, if necessary.

Also attached is a motion for the December 31, 2008 Commission meeting to submit the grant application to OSM.

Attachment