

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

## Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Cramer, Clark and Kalk  
Darrell Nitschke

From: Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: February 4, 2009

Subject: Contract for title work associated with the Williams County Road 9  
Phase 4 AML project

On January 14<sup>th</sup>, the AML Division sent letters to the two abstract companies that do work in Williams County requesting cost estimates for title memoranda for the additional private lands that will be affected by the Williams County Road 9 Phase 4 AML projects. We need a title memorandum that shows 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. In response to these letters, we received only one bid for doing the work.

We received a bid from Williams County Abstract Company in the amount of \$1,497 for the 2009 Williams County Road 9 project. The other abstract company doing work in Williams County, Northwest Abstract & Title, Inc., did not submit a bid. Since we received only one bid, I recommend the Commission award a contract to the Williams County Abstract Company in the amount of \$1,497.

Attached is a motion for the February 11<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting to award the contract. Two copies of the contract will also be available for signing at the meeting.

Attachment

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