

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Commissioners Cramer, Clark and Kalk  
Darrell Nitschke

**FROM:** Jim Deutsch, Director – AML Division

**DATE:** December 22, 2009

**RE:** 2010-2013 AML ND Reclamation Simplified Grant Application,  
Case No. AM-09-707

The AML Division has prepared the 2010-2013 AML Reclamation Simplified Grant application to request \$3,498,697 in federal funds from OSM for funding our AML program beginning on March 1, 2010. The amount of this application is nearly \$500,000 more than the amount of our current grant due to an increase in OSM's allocation of the prior balance replacement funds in accordance with 2006 amendments to the federal reclamation law.

As calculated by OSM, North Dakota's total mandatory distribution from the sources of funds for the FY 2010 Abandoned Mine Lands grant will be \$3,398,697. In addition to that amount, this grant application requests another \$100,000 for funding our Emergency Program.

The administrative portion of the 2010-2013 grant covers a one year time period and will end on February 28, 2011, while the construction portion of the grant will run until February 28, 2013, if necessary. It should be noted that we have budgeted for a second seasonal construction inspector for this grant period.

Also attached is a motion for the December 31, 2009 Commission meeting to submit the grant application to OSM. A copy of the 30-page grant application is available if you would like to review it.

Attachment

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