


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

State of North Dakota

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Clark, Kalk and Cramer
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From: Jim Deutsch,  Director - AML Division

Date: March 14, 2012

Subject: Closeout of Contract AM-631-11 for a structural survey, Case No. AM-11-497

In September 2011, the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-631-11 with Material Testing Services, LLC, of Minot to perform a structural survey of a house in the Scenic East Subdivision east of Williston. In June 2011, a homeowner in that subdivision contacted the AML Division with concerns that subsidence associated with an abandoned underground coal mine may have caused differential settling around the outside of his house. After a site review by staff, we entered into the contract with Material Testing for \$2,000.00 to perform a structural survey to try to determine if the settling was mine related.

However, before the survey was conducted, the homeowner informed staff with Material Testing that he believed the settling problems was due to poor construction. This was later confirmed when the homeowner talked to an AML staff member. Since the structural survey is no longer being requested by the homeowner, Material Testing agreed to terminate the contract by mutual consent.

Attached is a motion for the March 21, 2012, Commission meeting to terminate Contract AM-631-11.

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