

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

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Subject: Closeout of Contracts AM-635-12 and AM-637-12 for AML's Beulah/Zap Phase 13 Project, Case No. AM-12-81

Summary – On May 14, 2012, the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-635-12 with B & C Concrete Pumping, Inc. of Williston and Contract No. AM-637-12 with GEOSERV, Inc. of Bismarck for work associated with the Beulah/Zap Phase 13 AML Project near Beulah. The work primarily involved rotary drilling to locate underground mine voids, injecting pressurized grout into the voids, and testing of the grout. This work has been completed and both contractors have now been paid in full. The AML Division recommends the contracts be closed out.

Discussion – The Commission entered into Contract AM-635-12 with B & C Concrete Pumping for the drilling and pressurized grouting associated with the Beulah/Zap Phase 13 Project. This contract was for drilling holes to locate underground mine voids and to fill them with pressurized grout, primarily along Mercer County Highway 21N and 60th Avenue, north of Beulah. The original contract amount was \$689,675; however, change orders were issued to increase the total amount to \$729,263.80. A total of 4,059 feet were drilled and 5,496 cubic yards of grout were pumped into underground mine workings. We also used money from the force account under this contract to fill 36 dangerous sinkholes in the general area.

The Commission also entered into Contract AM-637-12 with GEOSERV for material testing and other services for the Beulah/Zap Phase 13 Project. The contract was for testing the grout mixtures that were injected into abandoned underground mine workings and related services. The contract amount was \$30,500 and work was completed for that amount. However, a change order was issued to convert money from the Structural Survey bid item to Field Rep and Lab Testing with no increase in total contract price.

All work was completed in a satisfactory manner by both contractors. Attached is a motion for the February 13, 2013, Commission meeting to close Contracts AM-635-12 and AM-637-12.

Attachment

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