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September 4, 2013

Mr. Jeff Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Office
Office of Surface Mining
P.O. Box 11018
Casper, WY 82601-7032

**RE: Amendment to North Dakota's 2013-2016 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Grant,
S13AF20026 (GR 307380)**

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Attached are documents with an amendment to North Dakota's 2013-2016 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Grant, S13AF20026 or GR 307380. Copies of this grant amendment are also being e-mailed to you, other staff in the Casper Field Office, and Steve Trujillo at OSM's Western Regional Coordinating Center in Denver.

This amendment is submitted to increase the 'Construction' sub-grant to receive the additional \$191,739 that has been allocated to North Dakota for our 2013-2016 grant period. We received notice of this additional allocation by Mr. Trujillo's e-mail message on August 14th. Attached are the completed forms SF424, OSM 49 and OSM 51 which indicates how these funds will be used.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (701) 328-2251.

Sincerely,

James R. Deusch
Director
Reclamation Division

Enclosures

Minedata/AML/AMLGrants/2013/Amendment-Sept2013/Amend_itr_OSM_9-4-13

GRANT AMENDMENT – September 4, 2013


**NORTH DAKOTA
2013 – 2016
ABANDONED MINE LANDS
RECLAMATION PROGRAM
GR307380**

March 1, 2013 - February 29, 2016

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Abandoned Mine Lands Division
State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota**

Standard Form 424

OMB Approval No. 0348-0043

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. DATE SUBMITTED 9/5/2013	Applicant Identifier
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: <i>Application x</i> <i>Preapplication</i>		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier ND130222-0051
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction	4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier GR307380
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name: North Dakota Public Service Commission		Organizational Unit: AML Division	
Address (give city, county, state, and zip code) 600 E Boulevard Ave., Dept 408 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 Burleigh County		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code) James Deutsch (701) 328-2251	
5. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 45-0309764 Duns Number: 802-744-946		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT (enter appropriate letter in box) [A] A. State H. Independent School District B. County I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision If revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es): [A] <input type="checkbox"/> A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration Other (specify):		C. Municipal J. Private University D. Township K. Indian Tribe E. Interstate L. Individual F. Intermunicipal M. Profit Organization G. Special District N. Other (Specify)	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER 15 - 252		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING	
TITLE: ND Abandoned Mine Lands Program		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: 2013-2016 North Dakota AML Simplified Grant	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (cities, counties, states, etc.) Entire State			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT:		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:	
Start Date 3/1/2013	Ending Date 2/29/2016	a. Applicant North Dakota	b. Project North Dakota
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING: An increase of \$191,739 is proposed following OSM's release of a portion of the AML funds that were sequestered prior to the original grant award.		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS? a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: DATE 2/22/2013 for the original grant application b. NO <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372 <input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED FOR STATE REVIEW	
a. Federal	191,739		
b. Applicant			
c. State			
d. Local			
e. Other			
f. Program Income			
g. TOTAL	191,739	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes," attach an explanation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.			
a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative James R. Deutsch		b. Title Director, AML Division	c. Telephone number 701-328-2400
d. Signature of Authorized Representative 		e. Date Signed September 4, 2013	

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Standard Form 424 (REV 4-88)
Prescribed by OMB Circular A-102

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT
Budget Information and Financial Reporting Form

OMB Approval No.: 1029-0059
 Exp. Date: 12/31/99

SECTION A. GENERAL

Grantee: North Dakota Public Service Commission	Grant Title: FY 2013-2016 ND AML Grant	Grant Number: GR307380	Grant Period: 3/01/2013 to 2/29/2016
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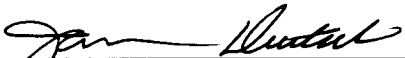
SECTION B. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORT INFORMATION

Budget/Cost Categories		Budget		Financial Status Report Cumulative Through _/ _/			Financial Status Report Cumulative Through _/ _/			Financial Status Report Cumulative Through _/ _/		
				Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Expenditures	Rpt Ind	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Expenditures	Rpt Ind	Cumulative Obligations	Cumulative Expenditures	Rpt Ind
Title	Number	Original/Prior Budget	Current Budget									
AML Non-Emergency Administrative Cost	38201	396,778	396,778									
AML Project Costs Construction	38203	3,124,953	3,316,692									
Total Grant		3,521,731	3,713,470									
Total Net Program Obligations/Expenditures				0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	
Total Grant Amount		3,521,731	3,713,470									
Total Unobligated Balance				0.00			0.00			0.00		
Total Indirect Costs		205,801	205,801									
Total Program Income			0.00									

SECTION C. INDIRECT COST RATE INFORMATION

Type Rate #1: Predetermined <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed - X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indirect Rate Calc: Base \$183,806 Indirect Amount \$62,218 Rate 33.85% Period Covered by Rate: 3/1/2013 to 6/30/2013	Type Rate #2: Predetermined <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional - X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fixed <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect Rate Calc: Base \$386,162 Indirect Amount \$143,583 Estimated Rate 39% Period Covered by Rate: 7/1/2013 to 6/30/2014	Type Rate #3: Predetermined <input type="checkbox"/> Final <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect Rate Calc: Base \$ _____ Indirect Amount \$ _____ Rate ____% Period Covered by Rate: _/ _/ to _/ _/
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SECTION D. SIGNATURES

Name/Title and Signature of Authorized Official (Grant Application) James Deusch, Director, AML Division, Public Service Commission 	Date of Signature 9/4/2013	Signature of Authorized Official and Date First Annual Report Signed	Signature of Authorized Official and Date Second Annual Report Signed	Signature of Authorized Official and Date Third Annual Report Signed
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Surface Mining
Washington, DC 20240

Performance Report

Program Narrative Statement

1. Type of Program (Check Appropriate Box)
 Abandoned Mine Lands Program

2. Grant Recipient
Public Service Commission
600 E Blvd Ave
13th Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Type of Report: Grant Application GR307380

3. Project Title/Program GR307380
Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Grant – **September 4, 2013 Amendment**

4. Performing Organization
SAME AS ABOVE

5. Program Narrative

The AML Division will use the additional \$191,739 that has been made available for the North Dakota program for construction projects at abandoned coal mines during the three year grant period. Since we have sufficient funds for the ongoing 2013 construction projects, the funds will be used during the 2014 construction season. The following projects are being considered for reclamation during the 2014 construction season:

Beulah/Zap – Phase 15: This project involves drilling and pumping pressurized grout into collapsed underground mine workings under public roads north of Beulah in Mercer County. This project will consist of rotary drilling, casing drill holes where voids are found, pumping of grout, and grout testing.

Scranton/Bowman – Phase 2: This project will involve drilling and pumping pressurized grout into collapsed underground mine workings. The sites are under public roads near Scranton and Bowman in Bowman County. This project will consist of rotary drilling, casing drill holes where voids are found, pumping of grout, and grout testing.

Hazen-West – Phase 3: This project involves the elimination of hazardous highwalls from an abandoned surface coal mine located west of Hazen in Mercer County. The dangerous highwalls are located near State Highway 200 and other roads and trails within lands owned and managed by the State Game and Fish Department and on private lands.

Some of the available construction funds in 2014 will be also used to backfill hazardous sinkholes that have been caused by underground mines.

OSM-51(12/80)

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 35) requires us to inform you that "This information is being collected to determine how an applicant plans to spend Federal dollars of a grant or cooperative agreement. This information will be used to prepare budget analyses and forecasting. The obligation to respond is required to obtain a benefit.