

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

## Memorandum

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Subject: Closeout of Contracts AM-677-13 and AM-678-13 for AML's 2013  
Scranton/Bowman Project, Case No. AM-13-94

**Summary** – The Commission entered into Contract No. AM-677-13 on June 5, 2013 with B & C Concrete Pumping, Inc. of Williston and Contract No. AM-676-13 on June 19, 2013 with Northeast Technical Services, Inc. of Virginia, MN, for work associated with the 2013 Scranton/Bowman AML Project. 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-677-13 with B & C Concrete Pumping for the drilling and pressurized grouting associated with the Scranton/Bowman Project. This contract was for drilling holes to locate underground mine voids and to fill them with pressurized grout. The original contract was for 15,000 feet of rotary drilling, 3,500 feet of casing, and pumping 3,500 cubic yards of grout into underground mine workings. The original contract amount was \$882,655.00. The totals were 15,590 feet drilled, 1,868 feet of casing, and 3,498 cubic yards of grout. All of the work in 2013 was conducted along a road just northeast of Scranton. This work was completed for a total cost of \$858,092.14, slightly less than the original contract amount.

The Commission also entered into Contract No. AM-678-13 with Northeast Technical Services for material testing and other services related to this project. The contractor provided a person to collect grout samples and test the grout that was injected into the mine workings. The contract amount was \$25,400 and work was completed for \$28,646.00, a little more than the original amount.

Joan Breiner supervised this work and she determined that all work was completed in a satisfactory manner by both contractors. Final payment has been made to the contractors. Attached is a motion for the February 26, 2014 Commission meeting to close Contract Numbers AM-677-13 and AM-678-13. Also, a second phase of this project will be conducted this year, including locations closer to Bowman and Reeder.

Attachment

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