


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AML Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Kalk, Christmann and Fedorchak
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From:  Jim Deutsch

Date: December 12, 2014

Subject: Close out of Contract No. AM-679-13 for underground mine sinkhole filling at fifteen sites in western North Dakota, Case No. AM-13-96

On June 19, 2013, the Commission awarded Contract No. AM-679-13 to Pleasant and Sons Construction of Greenville, KY, to fill dangerous sinkholes caused by the collapse of underground mine workings. The contract that was awarded last year was considered a two-year project to fill sinkholes in 2013 and 2014. The ending date of the contract is December 31, 2014. Sinkhole filling work was conducted at sites near Beulah, Bowman, Dickinson, Garrison, Hanks, Haynes, Garrison, New Salem, Noonan, Richardton, Scranton, Washburn, Williston, Wilton and Zap. All work has now been satisfactorily completed and the AML Division recommends the contract be closed.

Work began August 5, 2013 and was completed November 14, 2014. During this project 381 dangerous sinkholes were filled. This included several sinkholes near Bowman and Dickinson that were considered emergencies. Stabilization of erosion features was also conducted at the Buechler/Velva and Richardton AML sites.

Earlier this year a contract amendment approved by the Commission and five change orders were issued that increased the original contract price from \$100,000 to \$236,250. These change orders and contract amendment were needed because many additional dangerous sinkholes were reported over the past two years. The total amount paid to Pleasant and Sons under this contract was \$233,721. Bill Dodd supervised this project and the work was completed to his satisfaction. The contractor also certified that all employees, subcontractors and suppliers used for fulfilling terms of the contract have been paid. The final invoice was submitted and it has been paid.

Attached is a motion for the December 17, 2014 Commission meeting to close out Contract No. 679-13 with Pleasant and Sons Construction.