


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AML Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kalk
Darrell Nitschke, Administrative Secretary
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From:  Jim Deutsch

Date: May 20, 2015

Subject: Close out of Contract No. AM-699-14 for the 2014 Exploratory Drilling Project, Case No. AM-14-44

On June 25, 2014, the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-699-14 with Antler Enterprises, Inc. of Black Hawk, SD for drilling services to locate underground voids at abandoned underground coal mines. It was estimated that the total drilling would be 25,000 feet and that 7,500 feet of casing would be needed to case holes when mine voids were encountered. The contract amount was \$186,500.

The exploratory drilling work was conducted at mine sites southeast of Wilton in Burleigh County. The holes drilled totaled 25,727 feet and 5,023 feet of casing was used for the holes when mine voids were located. The project began on September 29, 2014 and then suspended in mid-November due to winter weather. The project was resumed on April 13, 2015 and completed on April 24th. All work under this contract was completed for a total cost of \$165,227, or \$21,273 less than the original contract amount.

Joan Breiner supervised this project and it was completed to her satisfaction. The contractor has certified that all employees, subcontractors and suppliers used for this project have been paid. The final invoice was also submitted and paid.

Attached is a motion for the May 27th Commission meeting to close out Contract No. AM-699-14 with Antler Enterprises, Inc.

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