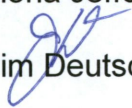


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AML Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kalk
Darrell Nitschke, Administrative Secretary
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco and Jack Schuh

From:  Jim Deutsch

Date: October 30, 2015

Subject: Close out of Contract No. AM-729-15 for the 2015 Columbus Phase 15 Project, Case No. AM-15-43

On May 27, 2015, the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-729-15 with Gary Morlock Construction, Inc. of Bismarck, ND for work associated with the 2015 Columbus Phase 15 AML Project. This project involved the elimination of nearly 5,000 feet of highwalls at two abandoned surface mines in Burke County. About 255,000 cubic yards of spoil material was used to backfill the highwalls and about 65 acres were reclaimed at the two sites. The original contract with Morlock was in the amount of \$528,150. All work under this contract has now been satisfactorily completed and the AML Division recommends the contract be closed.

Earthwork at the Columbus Phase 15 AML site started on July 11, 2015, and was completed August 21, 2015. Seeding operations and straw wattles placement were completed on September 9, 2015. Project manager Mark Knell and inspector Preston Ripplinger inspected the work throughout the project. Mark determined that all the work and conditions of the contract were satisfactorily completed by Gary Morlock Construction, Inc.

The contractor certified that all employees, subcontractors and suppliers used for this project have been paid. The final invoice was submitted and paid. The contracted work was completed for a total cost of \$477,125.09, or \$51,024.91 less than the original contact amount.

Attached is a motion for the November 4, 2015 Commission meeting to close out Contract No. 729-15 with Gary Morlock Construction, Inc.

Attachment