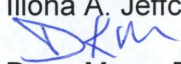


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Christmann, Fedorchak and Kroshus
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From: 
Dean Moos, Director - AML Division

Date: December 12, 2017

Subject: Close out Contract No. AM-777-17 for the 2017 Exploratory Drilling AML Project, Case No. AM-17-81

On May 10, 2017, the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-777-17 with S&S Drilling of Williston, ND for the 2017 Exploratory Drilling AML Project. The project involved rotary drilling to locate and characterize underground mine conditions near roads or structures at locations in or near the towns of Burlington, Foxholm, Noonan, Parshall, Roseglen and Williston. The original contract amount was \$199,000.00 and included 30,000 feet of rotary drilling and 4,000 feet of casing. The final totals were 24,174 feet of drilling and 3,316 feet of casing. Project manager Joan Breiner and seasonal inspector Chris Neubauer inspected the work throughout the project. Joan determined that all the work and conditions of the contract were satisfactorily completed by S&S Drilling.

Work on the project began on May 15, 2017, and was suspended on July 20, 2017. The work restarted on September 21, 2017 and was completed November 15, 2017. Two change orders were issued to extend the performance period and to include mobilization to Williston. The contracted work was completed for a total cost of \$158,047.00 or about 79% of the original contract amount. The contractor certified that all employees, subcontractors, and suppliers used for this project have been paid. Final payment has been made to S&S Drilling.

All work under this contract with S&S Drilling, Inc. was satisfactorily completed and the AML Division recommends the contract be closed. Attached is a motion for the December 20 Commission meeting.

Attachment