

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

## Memorandum

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Subject: Change Orders for the 2017 Wilton Phase 3 Project, Case No. AM-17-82

On May 31, the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-780-17, for \$1,247,800, with B & C Concrete Pumping, Inc. of Williston, for the Wilton Phase 3 AML Project. This project is for rotary drilling and pressurized grouting of underground mine workings that are located beneath public roads and an occupied residence near Wilton.

Work has been progressing along State Highway 36 and the Donald Sorch, Jr. Farmstead southeast of Wilton. Work along Highway 36 will not be completed this year, and we will need another project phase to finish it. However, we are hoping to complete all reclamation work around the Sorch farmstead this year. We believe this is possible, and it will certainly reduce the disturbance and disruption for the Sorch family.

Using the Commission's change order policy, AML staff have issued four change orders to this contract for additional drilling, casing and grout injection, in the total amount of \$62,340 (approximately 5% of the contract). The AML Division requests Commission authorization to increase the contract by a dollar amount not to exceed \$150,000 above the already executed change orders. This will allow up to an additional 1145 cubic yards of grout to be pumped into underground mine voids at the Sorch Farmstead. The original contract amount for grout injection was 7500 cubic yards.

We have more than enough federal funds in our current construction grant for this additional work under this contract. B & C Concrete Pumping is willing to do the additional work under terms in the original contract. Even with this increase and other AML work planned this fall, we still expect to carry over more than \$1 million in construction funds for projects in 2018.

Attached is a motion for the August 28 Special Commission meeting to allow staff to issue additional change orders to increase the amount of Contract No. AM-757-16 with B & C Concrete Pumping, Inc. not to exceed an additional \$150,000 for additional grout injection. Change orders will only be issued as needed for additional work under this contract.

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