

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

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Subject: Contract Extension for Contract No. AM-827-20, 2020 Hettinger and Stark Counties Project, PSC Case No. AM-20-180

On June 10th, the Commission entered into Contract No. AM-827-20, for \$321,478.30, with Dan Hart Patrol Service, LLC. of Upton, WY for the 2020 Hettinger and Stark Counties AML Project. This project involved the elimination of dangerous highwalls at four abandoned surface mines in Hettinger and Stark Counties. About 186,700 cubic yards of spoil material was used to backfill the highwalls and about 30 acres was reclaimed at the four sites. On August 26, 2020 the Commission approved a change order for \$90,000, primarily for additional trash removal at the Buresh site. The final projected cost of the project is \$409,193.04.

Work has been completed at the Albrecht, Buresh, and Weinandy sites. Approximately four acres remain to be seeded on the Regent site. The remaining area at the Regent site have been seeded but due to springs and seeps, the entire reclaimed areas could not be seeded because of wet conditions. The remaining four acres will be seeded after the springs freeze to prevent tracking and allow the area to be traversed without getting stuck. At this time the contractor plans to finish seeding the week of December 14th.

The AML Division requests the Commission extend the contract by a month to allow the completion of the seeding and final billing. The contract currently ends on December 31, 2020 and this action will extend the contract until January 31, 2021.