

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart, and Fedorchak
Executive Director Steve Kahl
General Counsel John Schuh

From: ^{ZAB} Zanna Brinkman and ^{RWE} Ross Edison

Date: February 22, 2023

Subject: Close out of the 2022 Exploratory Drilling AML Project, Case No. AM-22-24

On April 21, 2022, the Commission entered Contract No. AM-863-22 with Earth Energy & Water Systems, Inc. of New Salem, ND for exploratory drilling services in the 2022 Exploratory Drilling AML Project. This project involved rotary drilling to locate and characterize abandoned underground mine workings beneath roads and structures near the cities of Beulah, Dickinson, Garrison, Noonan and Velva, North Dakota. The original contract amount was \$904,060.00. The final cost of Contact AM-863-22 was \$926,690.00.

Final payment on the contract was made, and Contract No. AM-863-22 was closed on December 12, 2022. Ross Edison served as project manager. William Dohrmann, John Froscher, and James Thornburg served as project inspectors.

The AML Division respectfully recommends that the Commission close the 2022 Exploratory Drilling AML Project, Case No. AM-22-24.

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