

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

To: Steve Kahl, Executive Director
From: Jonathan Emmer, Matt Fischer, and Brett Job
Date: June 3, 2025
Subject: Request to close Contracts AM-897-24 and AM-898-24 for the 2024 Lehigh Road Phase IX AML Project

The 2024 Lehigh Road Phase IX AML Project was a remote backfilling project that stabilized abandoned underground coal mine workings along Lehigh Road and other infrastructure located near Dickinson, ND. This project was a continuation of the 2022 Exploratory Drilling and the 2023 Exploratory Drilling Projects. Those projects revealed the extent of the underground mines was larger than expected. Work began on July 18 and was completed on September 19, 2024. Brett Job served as project manager. Scott Besmer served as project inspector. All work was completed satisfactorily by the drilling & grouting contractor.

On May 21, 2024, the Commission entered contract number AM-897-24 with Earth Energy & Water Systems, Inc. of New Salem, ND for drilling and remote backfilling of abandoned underground mines. The original contract amount was \$1,024,500. The final cost was \$1,299,309.

On June 6, 2024, the Commission entered Contract No. AM-898-24 with Geoserv, Inc. to test the quality of grout used on the project. The original contract amount was \$27,450. This contract was terminated on August 26, 2024. The final cost was \$5,184. The check for this payment was issued on November 6, 2024, and deposited on April 9, 2025.

Final payments on both contracts have been made. The drilling and grouting contractor certified all employees, subcontractors, and suppliers used for fulfilling the terms of the contract have been paid. We recommend Contracts AM-897-24 and AM-898-24 be closed.