

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

**TO:** Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart, and Kringstad  
Steve Kahl, Executive Director  
Chris Martens, General Counsel

**From:** <sup>JE</sup> Jonathan Emmer, <sup>MF</sup> Matthew Fischer, and Brett Job

**Date:** October 14, 2025

**Subject:** Request to Initiate 2026 Exploratory Drilling AML Project  
PSC Case No. AM-25-267

The 2026 Exploratory Drilling AML Project will locate and characterize underground mine workings beneath public roads and other infrastructure near Beulah, ND. Work is expected to be conducted between December 2025 and August 2026 and is estimated to cost \$875,000.

The AML Division has funds to complete this project as designed and recommends initiation of the 2026 Exploratory Drilling AML Project.

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