



RE: Title Abstracts Cost Estimate in Morton County

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Matt:

My abstracter had a chance to review the legal descriptions and peruse the chains of title for each. The cost of creating complete abstracts for the requested legal descriptions will be in the \$5000 - \$7500 range and will take 6 – 8 weeks to complete.

As we have written title insurance on all these properties, the cost of issuing title commitments for each property, including ownership and encumbrances affecting the same, would be far less, and could be completed in a week or so. I estimate the cost of the search, examination and issuance of title commitments for all the properties requested to be about \$2,400 total, or about \$600 each.

Let us know how you would like to proceed and we will get started.

Thank you!



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Mr. Malloy,

I've attached a letter from the Public Service Commission asking for a cost estimate and timeline for title abstracts. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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