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December 3, 2008

**Public Service Commission
2009 – 2012 ND Reclamation Simplified Grant
Application**

AM-08-888

I move the Commission approve the Williams County Road 9, Phase 4, and Hazen-West, Phase 2 projects as the major AML projects for abandoned mine reclamation in 2009.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

State of North Dakota

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark
Darrell Nitschke

From: Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division 

Date: November 25, 2008

Subject: Recommended AML Projects for 2009

An item is being placed on the Regular Agenda for the December 3rd Commission meeting to approve the major AML projects for 2009. The major construction projects need to be described in the 2009 AML grant application that will be submitted to OSM in late December. We recommend the following major projects for reclamation during the 2009 construction season:

Williams County Road 9 – Phase 4: Proposed reclamation will involve drilling and pumping pressurized grout into collapsed underground mine workings located beneath areas near Williston. The Williams County Road 9, Phase 4, project will consist of approximately 60,000 feet of rotary drilling, 15,000 feet of casing, and the pumping of 7,500 cubic yards of grout. The project will include areas in and around the Grandview subdivision, along Williams County Road 9, areas near Scenic East subdivision, and an area near the Eagle Ridge Golf Course on the northeast side of Williston. Past reclamation work has been done in all of these areas. The preliminary cost estimate for this project is approximately \$1,115,000.

Hazen West – Phase 2: This project involves the elimination of approximately 5,500 feet of hazardous highwalls in an abandoned surface mine near State Highway 200 west of Hazen. This AML site is characterized by an unstable highwall that is about 80 feet high near the highway and trails. The site is currently owned and managed by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Surface mining in this area was conducted in the 1950's and 1960's. The proposed reclamation activity will be to backslope part of the highwalls and then backfill them with material from adjacent spoil piles. The preliminary cost estimate for this project is about \$900,000.

With some carryover money from this year's grant and the federal funds that will be available for the 2009 grant, we will have sufficient funds to do this work. Attached is a motion for the December 3rd Commission meeting to approve these projects for reclamation work in 2009.