

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Brian Kroshus, Julie Fedorchak, and Randy Christmann

From: Adam Renfandt

Date: April 20, 2020

Subject: Decommissioning Financial Assurances for Otter Tail Power Company's (Otter Tail) Luverne facility (PU-18-343); Ashtabula facility (PU-09-245); and Langdon Wind facility (PU-09-244)

On September 4, 2019, the Commission approved decommissioning plans and cost estimates for Ashtabula and Langdon Wind facilities, and on December 3, 2019, the Commission approved the decommissioning plan and cost estimate for the Luverne facility.

The table below summarizes the approved decommissioning estimates and nameplate capacities for each facility mentioned above.

Facility	Decommissioning Total Dollar Amount	Nameplate Capacity
Langdon facility	\$5.994 million	40.5 MWs
Ashtabula facility	\$7.104 million	48.0 MWs
Luverne facility	\$7.326 million	49.5 MWs
Total facilities	\$20.424 million	138 MWs

Each facility has been operational for greater than ten years; therefore, Otter Tail is required to file decommissioning financial assurances.

On April 10, 2020, Otter Tail filed decommissioning financial assurances in the form of self-guarantees for all three facilities listed in the above-captioned cases. All self-guarantees cover the full amount of the approved decommissioning costs, or \$20.424 million in total.

Since Otter Tail meets the Commission's requirements to file self-guarantees, Staff recommends approval of the financial assurances in the above-captioned cases. Furthermore, legal has signed off on the self-guarantees.

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