

# Memorandum

To: Commissioners Brian Kroshus, Julie Fedorchak, and Randy Christmann  
From: Adam Renfandt  
Date: October 12, 2020  
Subject: Decommissioning Plan and Cost Estimate for Velva Wind Facility (Case No. PU-10-109)

On September 30, 2020, Acciona Wind Energy USA, LLC, the owner of the Velva wind facility (Velva Facility) filed an updated decommissioning plan and cost estimate for the Velva Facility. The Velva Facility consists of 18 turbines with a nameplate capacity of 12.06 MWs. Excluding salvage offsets, the total cost to decommission the facility is approximately \$4.6 million, or \$262,709 per turbine.

The Velva Facility was operational on December 31, 2005, and based on recent decommissioning rulemaking, wind facilities that have been operational for ten years without a site certificate are required to file a form of financial assurance that the Commission finds agreeable. The Velva Facility is currently working on proposing such an assurance.

Staff has reviewed the Velva Facility's decommissioning plan and cost estimate and recommends approval.