

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart, and Fedorchak

From: Adam Renfandt 

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Subject: Rugby Wind LLC, Wind Energy Center - Pierce County, Decommissioning Plan & Cost Estimate, Case No. PU-13-844

On August 29, 2024, Avangrid Renewables, LLC (Avangrid) filed an updated decommissioning plan and cost estimate for its Rugby Wind LLC facility (Rugby Wind). Rugby Wind has a nameplate capacity of 149.1 MW and consists of 71 turbines. The updated decommissioning estimate is approximately \$12.8M, or \$180,00 per turbine. The prior 2019 estimate was \$10.5 million. The method of decommissioning remains the same in that the turbine hub and rotors will be lowered to the ground by a crane with the nacelle and turbine sections disassembled in reverse order of assembly

After the Commission has reached a decision on the decommissioning estimate, Avangrid will update its financial assurance, which is currently filed with the Commission in the form of a surety bond.

Staff has reviewed Rugby Wind's updated decommissioning plan and cost estimate and find them reasonable and consistent with the Commission's decommissioning rules. Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission approve the updated decommissioning plan and cost estimate.