

Memorandum

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

From: Adam Renfandt

Date: June 29, 2020

Subject: Case No. PU-19-318 Aurora Wind Project - Williams County,
Decommissioning Plan & Cost Estimate

Aurora Wind Project, LLC (Aurora) is currently constructing an approximately 299 MW wind facility, comprised of 71 turbines in Williams County, North Dakota. Its anticipated operational date is in the fourth quarter of 2020. Therefore, it is required to file a decommissioning plan and cost estimate. On June 15, 2020, Aurora filed a decommissioning plan and cost estimate for approximately \$13.9 million in total excluding salvage value, or approximately \$195,000 per turbine.

Staff has reviewed Aurora's decommissioning plan and cost estimate, and recommends that the Commission approve Aurora's decommissioning plan and cost estimate.