

Memorandum

To: Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart and Kringstad

From: Robert Frank Public Utility Analyst



Date: February 3, 2025

Re: Badger Wind, LLC, Amend-Badger Wind Project- Logan & McIntosh, Siting Application, Case No. PU-24-87

On January 17, 2025, Badger Wind, LLC (Badger) filed a request for tree clearing in three locations at a width of up to 100 feet to safely stage and lift turbine blades during construction of Turbines 113 and 114.

In Order Provision No. 8 of the Commission's September 11, 2024, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, Badger was approved to clear trees and shrubs in the project area up to 100 feet in 10 areas but only where necessary to collocate collection lines, access roads, and/or crane walks. The three requested locations are entirely located in these approved areas, but the request for authorization is necessary to extend the purpose of the clearing to include turbine blade staging and lifting for construction.

Staff has reviewed the request and believes that it is reasonable and necessary to enable safe staging and installation of the turbine blades.

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