


Memorandum

To: Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart, and Kringstad
From: Adam Renfandt 
Date: April 30, 2025
Subject: Badger Wind, LLC, 251.6 MW Badger Wind Project - Logan & McIntosh, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-24-345

Badger Wind, LLC (Badger) is currently constructing a wind facility that is anticipated to include 92 GE-127 2.82 MW turbines with a nameplate capacity of 259.44 MW and be operational the beginning of 2026. Badger will limit the output at the point of interconnection to 250 MW in accordance with its generator interconnection agreement and the September 11, 2024, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order. The estimated cost for construction of the facility is \$472M. Prior to beginning construction of a wind facility, the owner must provide construction decommissioning financial assurance equal to 5% of the estimated construction cost.

On September 17, 2025, Badger filed a decommissioning letter of credit in the amount of \$23.6 million with Bank of America as the issuing bank to cover the construction phase of the project. The letter of credit automatically renews every year.

Staff reviewed the letter of credit, and it fulfills the Commission's financial assurance requirements and recommends approval.