

# Memorandum

To: Commissioners Christmann, Haugen-Hoffart, and Kringstad

From: Adam Renfandt 

Date: December 12, 2025

Subject: Bowman Wind, LLC, Bowman Wind Project – Bowman County, Decommissioning Plan & Cost, Case No. PU-25-147

Bowman Wind, LLC (Bowman) is currently constructing a wind facility that is anticipated to include 74 GE 2.82 MW turbines with a nameplate capacity of 208.7 MW. Prior to beginning operation of a wind facility, the owner must have an approved decommissioning plan and provide decommissioning financial assurance acceptable to the Commission.

On December 2, 2025, Bowman filed a decommissioning plan and cost estimate with the Commission. The cost estimate was \$17.6M without salvage offsets, which equates to approximately \$238k per turbine.

On December 9, 2025, Bowman filed approval to execute a rider to modify its existing construction phase decommissioning surety bond such that it could be used as its operational phase decommissioning surety bond. Therefore, the rider would change the amount of the surety bond to \$17.6M and the term of the bond to comply with the Commission's operational phase decommissioning rules.

Staff reviewed the decommissioning plan, cost estimate, and the rider and finds they fulfill the Commission's requirements and recommends approval.