

**From:** [Moon, Amy \(UTC\)](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments  
**Date:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 10:43:09 AM

Public comment #0099  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

Please make sure Lloyds (Fred) comments were received in the EFSEC email in-box. He sent them to me as well to make sure we got them.

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**From:** Fred Lieske <[flieske1117@gmail.com](mailto:flieske1117@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 10:21 AM  
**To:** Moon, Amy (UTC) <[amy.moon@utc.wa.gov](mailto:amy.moon@utc.wa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments

External Email

I think the 130 to 170 feet refers to the length of the turbine blades, at any rate the Scout representative told me the turbines would be located at the highest possible points on our landscape, what a horribly grotesque landscape we would be left with, PLEASE REJECT THE PLAN FROM SCOUT ENERGY.

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From: **Fred Lieske** <[flieske1117@gmail.com](mailto:flieske1117@gmail.com)>  
Date: Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 4:28 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments  
To: <[efsec@utc.wa.gov](mailto:efsec@utc.wa.gov)>

I was told by a Scout employee that these turbines range in height from 130 to 170 feet, and they would be installed on the absolute highest points available, I don't believe the residents of Benton County are fully aware of this information. I hope and pray this plan from Scout is rejected.

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From: **Fred Lieske** <[flieske1117@gmail.com](mailto:flieske1117@gmail.com)> lines  
Date: Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 3:16 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments  
To: Fred Lieske <[flieske1117@gmail.com](mailto:flieske1117@gmail.com)>

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From: **Fred Lieske** <[flieske1117@gmail.com](mailto:flieske1117@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 2:51 PM  
Subject: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments

To: <[Commissioners@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:Commissioners@co.benton.wa.us)>

The proposal from Scout Energy for wind turbines in and on the beautiful Horse Heaven Hills is a very, very bad idea by any measure.

This out of state company would suck many millions of dollars from us and in return we have huge, tall permanent scars to one of the very best vistas in eastern Washington.

This (or any wind turbine proposal) is destructive, thoughtless, foolish, financially unsound and completely unnecessary for our part of the country.

Reasons this proposal is very, very bad for Benton County:

1. Scout Energy knows this is a hard sell, they sidestepped the public input process at the county level, and instead are hoping the governor and his green programs will embrace their proposal.
2. The wind turbine structures would greatly affect the migratory bird paths and permanent bird populations, vast numbers of birds would be killed every year.
3. We need to be saving and relishing the bountiful farm lands in Benton County, these lands are highly productive and will be even more valued as populations world wide continue with their explosive growth.
4. Wind turbines are not very efficient in eastern Washington state, they are a poor choice for a renewable energy source. States like Texas, Kansas, and Iowa are much better suited for wind turbines, their efficiency is nearly double what we can produce in Washington state. Also the winds in eastern Washington are intermittent and cannot be counted on as a reliable source of energy.
5. The uptick in county employment for constructing these behemoths would be short lived, once completed few workers would be needed for maintenance.
6. If these turbines are in use the net effect would be higher electricity rates for Benton county to cover the turbines' initial and continuing costs.
7. The northwest is America's leader in hydropower, the cheap electricity is a draw for new businesses, for ongoing research at PNNL, and for consumers. Hydropower is the greenest, most renewable energy source we have. Why would we knowingly want to decrease our use of hydropower to make room for wind turbines ? !!
8. Hydropower fits nicely within the energy gridwork in that it can respond to energy load increases, and still be continuously operating. Wind doesn't even come close.

I hope and pray this wind farm proposal is rejected.

Thank You, Lloyd F Lieske RPh, retired



**From:** [Andrea Aldrich](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm  
**Date:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 10:59:41 AM

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Public comment #0100  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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Dear Sirs/Madams:

I'd like to encourage you to read Jim Conca's opinion piece in the March 14, 2021 edition of the Tri-City Herald. I agree with Mr. Conca; the Scout Clean Energy project isn't as valuable to our region as Scout Clean Energy would like us to believe.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Andrea J. Aldrich  
5708 Mulberry Dr.  
West Richland, WA 99353

**From:** [Diann Yunker](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven hills windmill project  
**Date:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 11:47:15 AM

Public comment #0101  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Benton county and in direct view of the hills I wish to express my opinion on this project. I would like to encourage those deciding to not co tinge as we the residents gain nothing from this and will be left with a blight of awful windmills as our new view. we do not want this.I am sure there are suitable windy areas on the west side so the residents there can enjoy their windmills.

A concerned citizen of Benton county.

Diann Yunker

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Diann Yunker](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse heaven hills windmills project  
**Date:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 11:52:20 AM

Public comment #0102  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

To whom it may concern:

As a resident of Benton county and in direct view of the hills I wish to express my opinion on this project. I would like to encourage those deciding to not continue as we the residents of Benton county gain nothing from this and will be left with a blight of awful windmills as our new view. we do not want this. I am sure there are suitable windy areas on the west side so the residents there can enjoy their windmills.

A concerned citizen of Benton county.

Diann Yunker

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**From:** [Norbert Rossi](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Farm Comment  
**Date:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:34:49 PM

Public comment #0103  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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### External Email

We would like to state our position on the proposed Horse Heaven Hills wind farm project. My husband and I moved to Kennewick in June of 2020, but we intend to stay in this area for the foreseeable future. Our objections are as follows:

- Wind energy is a limited and unpredictable source of energy.
- Windmills are noisy and extremely detrimental to wildlife, especially migrating birds.
- They are ugly and inefficient.
- They are expensive to build and maintain.

These are our reasons for opposing the project. I hope you will listen to the public comments and abandon this idea.

Thank you for your time.

Norbert and Debora Rossi  
2919 S Hartford Pl  
Kennewick

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Rahickey50](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** wind farm in horse heaven hills comments  
**Date:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 2:42:47 PM

Public comment #0104  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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### External Email

As a resident of Tri Cities, Washington, I respectfully ask you to halt the development of the wind farm in the Horse Heaven Hills.

The terrain is uniquely beautiful. A wind farm will spoil the beauty of this landscape....forever.

The decimation to bird life is unacceptable.

The benefits of wind power provide a very poor return to this area. It is much more efficient to development and enhance hydro and nuclear power rather than wind. When it is needed, it's not windy here. There is a very poor return on investment.

We can look many directions right now and see turbines. Enough is enough.

Please do not develop this project here.

Thank you,

Ruth Ann Hickey

1214 Adair Dr

Richland, WA 99352

**From:** [Patti](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Mills  
**Date:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 3:11:58 PM

Public comment #0105  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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I think the squeaky wheel gets the grease. Lots of people voicing objections regarding this matter. Then there are many, many of us that DO NOT have a problem with this idea. In fact my house faces the ridge where they will be in full view. I find them quite fascinating to watch and do not see them as an eye sore. I feel pride that we are looking toward our future and finding ways to pull away from fossil fuels that are killing our planet. Go forward with the plan, no objections here at our household.

Patti Bongers  
Benton City

**Owens, Joan (UTC)**

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**From:** Karen Richardson <zimbaz2910@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:01 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Wind Farms in Wa.

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Karen R.

**Owens, Joan (UTC)**

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**From:** Karen Richardson <zimbaz2910@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:02 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Wind Farms

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Karen R.



**From:** [J](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Cancel the Horse Heaven Wind Tower Project  
**Date:** Friday, March 19, 2021 12:20:32 AM

Public Comment #0108  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

### External Email

Dear EFSEC:

Please turn down the request to install wind turbines in the Horse Heaven area. There is near ZERO support among local citizens for this insult to our beautiful south eastern Washington landscape. Our energy dollars would be much better spent on efficient, reliable steady "carbon free" production methods like hydroelectric and nuclear. Wind farms are second only to solar when measuring environmental impact. The scar to such a massive land area is not worth the meager spurious power generating capability of wind turbines; and the impact to wildlife is unacceptable! To deny future generations the pleasure of viewing the vast unmolested hills of eastern Washington is nothing short of a crime! I cringe at the ugliness of wind turbines as I drive across what used to be beautiful landscape in eastern Washington and Oregon; and I am disgusted with the greed and intellectual dishonesty of wind turbine investments. It is truly a scam on the American people - designed to profit a few clever thieves at the expense of the taxpayer.

WE HAVE NO NEED FOR WIND FARMS!

Reinforce our aging hydroelectric capacity and invest in nuclear technology. Those are the only two reliable sources of energy capable of sustaining our society without destroying our environment.

Sincerely,  
John Smart  
Senior Mechanical Engineer, Project Manager, and City Council Member  
West Richland, WA 99353

**From:** [Bruce Kerr](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Friday, March 19, 2021 8:08:54 AM

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Public Comment #0109  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm proposed in Benton County just south of the Tri-Cities. This project will bring many benefits to our region including affordable, clean energy, new jobs, and increased tax revenue. Benton County has a long history of energy development and generation, and I support this new opportunity.

I understand that the project will create hundreds of jobs during construction, as well as long-term family-wage positions once the facility begins operations. Further, the developer estimates that property tax revenues over the life of the project will generate millions of dollars for the local community. Under current allocations, the largest proportion of those funds would support local schools.

Please help us make these opportunities a reality by supporting the Horse Heaven Wind Farm.

Respectfully,

Bruce Kerr  
1612 W 8th Pl  
Kennewick, WA 99336

**From:** [Francisco Elquezabal](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Haven Hills Wind Farm  
**Date:** Friday, March 19, 2021 10:47:03 AM

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Public Comment #0110  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

My name is Cisco and I'm in support of the Horse Haven Hills Wind Farm project. This would create many family wage jobs for local residents here ok n Benton County.

**From:** [DomKathy Sansotta](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [DomKathy Sansotta](#)  
**Subject:** Comments for March 30, 2021 Land Use Hearing  
**Date:** Friday, March 19, 2021 12:28:17 PM  
**Attachments:** [EFSEC Comments.pdf](#)

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[Public Comment #0111](#)  
[Horse Heaven Wind Farm](#)  
[Docket #210011](#)

### External Email

The attached comments are provided for the EFSEC March 30 Land Use Hearing for the application submitted by Scout Clean Energy for the Horse Heaven Hill Wind Farm proposed for Benton County, Washington. Your consideration of our comments is most appreciated.

Dom and Kathy Sansotta  
Kennewick, WA

## Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm Project

We are writing to register our opposition to the Horse Heaven Hills wind farm project planned by Scout Clean Energy. We are long-time Kennewick residents who are fortunate to enjoy an unparalleled panoramic view of the Horse Heaven Hills from our home. This view served as a major contributor to our decision to purchase our home in 2017. As we look to the southeast from our home, we can see the wind turbines of the Nine Canyon wind farm and are dismayed as to how they scar the landscape and diminish what was once a serene, majestic view. It serves as a further reminder of how wind turbines have proliferated throughout the Pacific Northwest (PNW). Almost any road trip from the Tri-Cities involves an encounter with a wind or solar farm whether it be through the Columbia Gorge, I-84 east through Pendleton and the Blue Mountains, the vicinity of Ellensburg and Vantage, or a drive to Walla Walla on Hwy. 12. It is sad to see this "pollution" of the landscape on such a large scale.

For the casual, passing observer the sight of hundreds of wind turbines along I-82 from Kennewick to Benton City may not be offensive as they know they will soon pass from view. However, for the many homeowners, such as ourselves, who would be forced to endure a constant view of the wind turbines in their full field of vision it would constitute an egregious assault on our willingness to support other clean energy initiatives in the state. Attached are photos of the view from our backyard and visual renderings extracted from the Scout Clean Energy application that appear most similar to our home view. You can clearly see the degree to which the proposed wind farm would dominate the view from our home.

We do not support the proposed Horse Heaven Hills wind farm or further development of wind power in the PNW. We believe, as stated in the Benton PUD, July 2020 paper, Wind Power and Clean Energy Policy Perspectives, continued investments in large-scale wind farm development in the PNW (*and the substantial cost of the Horse Heaven Hills wind farm*) will: (1) contribute very little to keeping the regional power grid reliable and will not help our local utility, the Benton PUD, solve our seasonal energy deficit problems; (2) contribute to the devaluation of hydro-generation assets and put upward pressure on retail rates the Benton PUD and other utilities charge its customers; (3) risk underinvestment

in needed dispatchable capacity today and future investments in visionary advancements in nuclear energy technology, such as small modular reactors (SMR); and (4) further sacrifice scenic hillsides, canyons and desert vistas in our region for little if any net environmental benefit.

We believe a far better alternative to the continued deployment of wind turbines in our region would be to maintain the existing Columbia Generating Station operations while expanding SMR technology research and development. We believe this will provide a much more efficient, effective and reliable energy approach to meeting our clean energy goals without further marring the scenic beauty of the PNW.

Again, we urge you to deny the Scout Clean Energy application for the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm project and look for other alternatives to further wind turbine development in the PNW.

Sincerely,

Dominic and Kathy Sansotta

6925 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Ct.

Kennewick, WA 99338

Attachments: Photos - 4 pages



domkathy@hotmail.com

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**From:** DomKathy Sansotta <domkathy@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2021 11:50 AM  
**To:** DomKathy Sansotta  
**Subject:** Home views



*View to the Southeast  
from our home.*



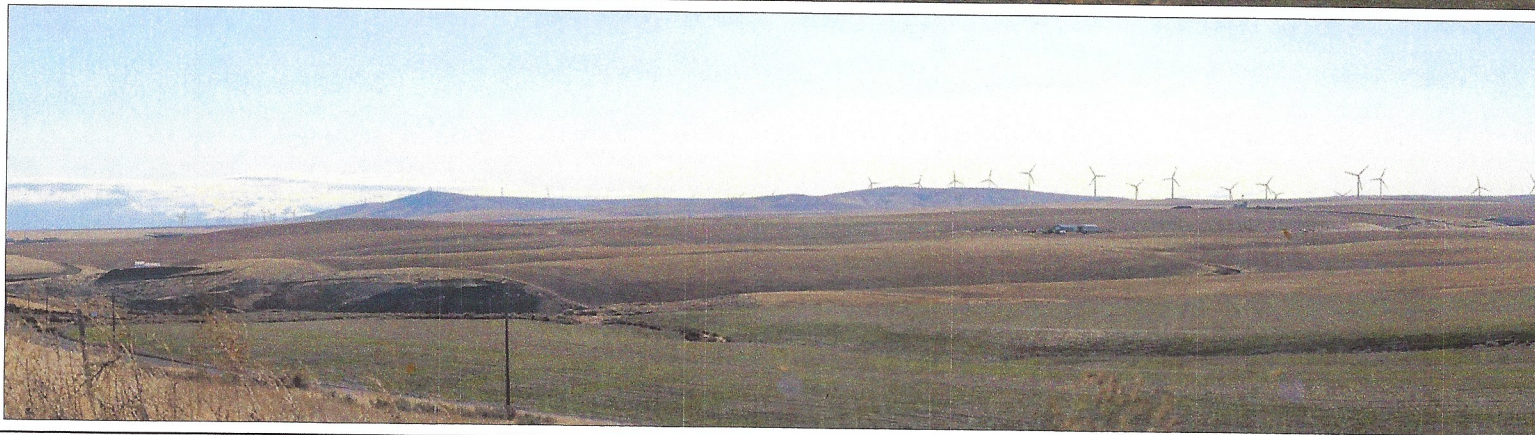
Existing Conditions



Project Simulation Option 1  
244 WTG



Project Simulation Option 2  
150 WTG



## Horse Heaven Wind Project



**Figure 2**  
**Representative Viewpoint 2a**  
**Existing Conditions**  
**and Project Simulations**

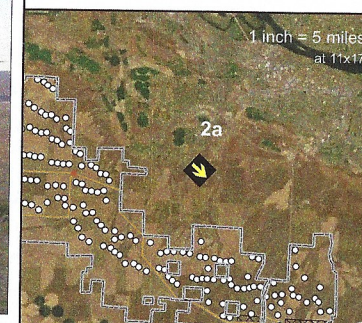
BENTON COUNTY, WA

-  Viewpoint Location and Photo Direction
-  Project Lease Boundary
-  Proposed Turbine Location
-  Proposed Substation
-  Proposed Transmission Line
-  Solar Siting Area

View direction (deg):	132
Horizontal field of view (deg):	57
Vertical field of view (deg):	15
Max. WTGs within field of view:	75 / 38
Max. Visible WTGs at tip height:	56 / 29
Max. Visible WTGs at hub height:	50 / 24
Closest WTG (mi):	3.9 / 4.8
Furthest WTG (mi):	13.4 / 13.0
Closest Solar Array (mi):	No view
Closest Transmission Line (mi):	No view

To approximate how the project will appear to a viewer in the natural setting, this sheet should be printed at 11 x 17 inches, full size with no scaling, and viewed at 8 inches from the eye. If viewed on a computer monitor, the document should be scaled at 100% and viewed at 8 inches from the eye.

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View to the South  
From our home.



Existing Conditions  
Project Simulation Option 1  
244 WTG  
Project Simulation Option 2  
150 WTG



# Horse Heaven Wind Project



**Figure 3**  
**Representative Viewpoint 2b**  
**Existing Conditions**  
**and Project Simulations**

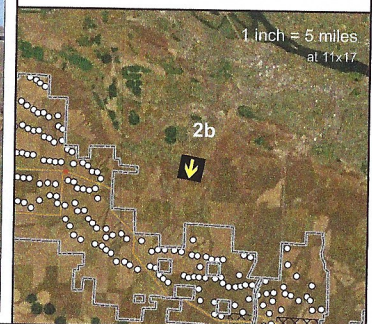
BENTON COUNTY, WA

- Viewpoint Location and Photo Direction
- Project Lease Boundary
- Proposed Turbine Location
- Proposed Substation
- Proposed Transmission Line
- Solar Siting Area

View direction (deg):	189
Horizontal field of view (deg):	57
Vertical field of view (deg):	15
Max. WTGs within field of view:	37 / 19
Max. Visible WTGs at tip height:	36 / 19
Max. Visible WTGs at hub height:	30 / 17
Closest WTG (mi):	3.0 / 3.5
Furthest WTG (mi):	6.2 / 5.9
Closest Solar Array (mi):	No view
Closest Transmission Line (mi):	No view

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**From:** [Mike Bosse"](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Swanson, Josh \(ESD Partner\); Daren Konopaski](#)  
**Subject:** Docket No. EF-210011  
**Date:** Friday, March 19, 2021 12:29:42 PM  
**Attachments:** [IMG\\_20210319\\_0002.pdf](#)

Public Comment #0112  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

Dear Sonia Bumpus, please accept the attached letter as IUOE Local 302's public comments of support to the EFSEC on the Scout Clean Energy-Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project-Docket No. EF-210011. If you have any questions or wish for further comment, please let me know.

Michael L. Bosse'  
Field Rep IUOE Local 302  
District 5, Tri-Cities, WA  
Cell (509)294-3824



**International Union of Operating Engineers**  
**LOCAL 302 • Washington, Idaho and Alaska • AFL-CIO**  
Daren Konopaski, *Business Manager and General Vice President*

March 19, 2021

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
Attn: Sonia Bumpus, EFSEC Manager  
621 Woodland Square Loop  
PO Box 43172  
Olympia, WA 98501

Submitted Electronically: [efsec@utc.wa.gov](mailto:efsec@utc.wa.gov)

Re: Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project Comments

Ms. Bumpus:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 302 is in full support of the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project. In addition to the substantial tax incentives and economic stimulus this project would provide to the region, it would also produce a significant number of family wage jobs directly engaged with climate positive work. This is directly correlated with the Governor's priorities on green new jobs as well as an economic catalyst that is vital in response to the current Covid economy.

We'd like to offer a few critical points that are both supportive of the project and responsive to the opponents of this effort.

1. **Tax Incentives.** This is an ideal project to utilize the Clean Energy tax incentives that were enacted by the state. In addition, there will also likely be federal incentives that will provided additional financial support in ensuring this project is able to capitalize on the expanded economic recovery efforts offered by the government.
2. **Sustainable Infrastructure Investment.** This new clean energy source will both provided much needed infrastructure capacity to our electrical grid and support various efforts for expanded electrification by the state. The opponents are suggesting that this new power will be sold to California but that is simply not the case.
3. **Temporary Construction Employment.** Construction is by its nature temporary but what this project does is provide much needed jobs to a struggling economy. Without this project moving forward these "temporary" jobs will not exist leaving a job availability hole and ensuring that more workers are further displaced and prolonged unemployment for the construction industry.

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**James Garrett, Financial Secretary • Sean Jeffries, President • Jason Alward, Vice President**

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4. Impact to the Wildlife. This project's placement is optimum for limited to no effect on the wildlife. Allegations of disruptions to migratory bird flight patterns along the Pacific Flyway are speculations as the Pacific Flyway reaches from the Pacific Ocean to the eastern borders of Montana, Wyoming, and Utah.
5. Property Values. This project brings jobs and demands on housing and not depleting values to the housing market. The housing market in this region is already undersupplied and an influx in employment will only increase demand whereby increasing value for the existing housing market.
6. Land Use. The opponents suggest that once the project is built they won't be able to access the land. This is private property that is currently not accessible to the general public.
7. Value for Investment. This project will have a capital investment of more than \$1.7 billion to the Tri-Cities region. Full build out of the project would result in millions of dollars in annual tax revenue. These fees would be retained locally and could be reinvested to support local schools and infrastructure.

Several hundred of our members live and work in the greater Tri-Cities area, and this project will afford many of them the opportunity to work in the area with which they call home. This is a project that is without the environmental consequences that many of the opponents are suggesting.

On behalf of the members of IUOE, Local 302 and their families, I urge you to take whatever actions that are necessary to see this project through to approval. Frankly, this is a project without a downside and with an enormous upside for the residents of the Tri-Cities and the state.

Please feel free to contact me at (509) 294-3824 if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mike Bosse  
District 5 Field Representative

**From:** [Owens, Joan \(UTC\)](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on behalf of Lee from Kennewick on the Horse Heaven Wind Project  
**Date:** Friday, March 19, 2021 1:34:16 PM

Public Comment #0113  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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I spoke with Lee on the EFSEC main line a couple times trying to assist him to send an email/submit his comment in writing but he was having trouble and couldn't figure out how to send it so I took his comment over the phone.

His name is Lee, he didn't want to give his last name. He is from Kennewick Washington and will turn 70 in September. He believes wind mills ruin the environment, are an eyesore and he prefers hydrogen, solar or nuclear. He doesn't believe the power is needed and says NO to the Horse Heaven Wind Project.

Thanks,

*~Joan Owens*

### Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

Secretary Supervisor

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**From:** [GN 21](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [GN 21](#)  
**Subject:** Don't approve Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project- it is a waste and blight for a greedy Colorado corporation  
**Date:** Friday, March 19, 2021 11:42:34 PM

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Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
State of Washington

I make the following allegations. I'm a resident of Eastern Washington. **Like thousands of other people, I strongly oppose the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project in Benton County. Scout Clean Energy is an out of state Colorado greedy corporation that does not operate any wind farms and they only want to make millions of dollars in quick profit from federal subsidies when they build the "farm"- they don't care about people or animals.** When they realized the people of Benton County and other people nearby strongly oppose the project, they decided to switch gears and not apply to Benton County to permit the project but go to the state instead. This wind farm: would only produce electricity about 26% of the time i.e., not produce electricity 74% of the time, and not when electricity is most needed on very cold winter days and very hot summer days; would create a low-frequency humm sound and vibration that would damage the mental health of people; would have flashing red lights since some of the wind towers will be over 500 feet tall; would waste land; kill birds and endanger other wildlife; would produce high cost electricity and in effect be a regressive tax on low income household people; and, would contribute to an unstable electric grid. As the best means to produce reliable low cost electricity for all, the State of Washington should support the Columbia and Snake River Dams which are renewable and clean, and support nuclear power which does not emit greenhouse gases. WE DON'T WANT THESE WIND TURBINES. DON'T APPROVE AND PERMIT THE PROJECT. IT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER IN THE MAKING.

If you like wind turbines, then locate them in Western Washington in Puget Sound and Seattle where most of the population resides, and you will see firsthand the many negatives of them [e.g., how they endanger wildlife including killer whales, how they blight the landscape, etc.].

**From:** [Richard Yrjanson](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Benton county Commissioners meeting on Scout App.  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 8:26:32 AM

Public Comment #0115  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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This is an article in the Tri-City Herald of a meeting on the Scout Application and my input being one of speakers which I would like to have entered into the record. Thank You

Richard E. Yrjanson  
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10





Tri-City Herald file

Union officials say a wind farm project proposed for south of Kennewick could mean temporary jobs for 1,000 workers. This 2002 file photo shows a wind turbine blade being lifted into place on another project.

## Opponents line up at meeting to fight large wind farm project

BY ANNETTE CARY  
acary@tricityherald.com

### KENNEWICK, WA

A huge wind farm planned to stretch along the Horse Heaven Hills just south of the Tri-Cities would be a blight on the community, speaker after speaker said Tuesday at a town hall meeting.

Scout Clean Energy of Colorado has applied to the state of Washington for a permit to build the Horse Heaven Wind Farm project, which would include wind, solar and battery storage.

Although the Benton County Commission only has input into a state decision on whether to allow the project, it held a public meeting in Kennewick to gather

public opinion before commissioners submit comments to the Washington state Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

The council and Gov. Jay Inslee have final say over the project.

About 80% of the speakers were opposed the project at the town hall meeting, with 44 signed up to speak in person and others calling in comments.

They used terms like "atrocious," "eyesore" and "grotesque." One woman came with a poster board saying the Horse Heaven Hills would need to be renamed the Horse Hell Hills.

Those who supported the project were mostly union members and officials, who said they spoke for many more than just themselves, who wanted the construction jobs the project would bring and then the limited number of maintenance jobs during the project's operation.

A representative of Laborers' Local 348 in Richland said the

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project would give jobs to more than 1,000 construction workers.

"It's great for working men and women in our community," he said.

Scout Clean Energy is considering two options.

One would have 244 turbines standing up to almost 500 feet tall over about 10 square miles of the total 112 square miles to be used for the project.

The other option would be to install fewer, but taller, turbines. There would be 150 turbines standing up to 670 feet tall.

### 'SHOULD BE APPALLED'

"I understand the importance of green energy, but to have these massive towers right in our backyard is an atrocity in my opinion," said Matt Malin, a mechanical engineer, who lives two miles south of the Tri-Cities southern urban growth boundary.

The urban growth area covers the area where the Tri-Cities, Benton City and Prosser expect to grow over the next 20 years.

The leased land for the wind farms stretches along about 24 miles from south of Finley to south of Benton City.

"This project is not just in our urban growth area, it is our growth area," said Barry Bush, a Benton County Public Utility District commissioner, who said he was not representing the PUD at the meeting.

The PUD has opposed building more wind farms in Benton County, but has not taken a stand on this project.

"If you are a Realtor or a builder you should be appalled," Bush said.

People are not going to want to buy homes that look out at wind turbines and it will not help the area's tourism industry, he said.

However, Scout Clean Energy said its project would be on land outside of the urban growth area that is designated for agriculture use.

Benton County officials said that if the 244 wind turbine option is pursued, more than 200 turbines

would be visible from some areas, some of them to the north of the project.

While the industrialization of the skyline to the south of the Tri-Cities would endure for decades, the local community would see little benefit, several people said.

Scout Clean Energy, the landowners and construction workers who get short-term jobs would benefit, said Doug Fearing of Kennewick, who has lived in Benton County for 72 years.

"We get to look at these things. That is what we get to do," he said.

He called the many wind turbines he sees when he drives to Portland and Walla Walla "butt ugly."

Others said they were concerned by the shadow flicker on nearby residents as the turbines rotate and also the night lighting required by the Federal Aviation Administration.

One person described the flickering red lights from another wind farm that she sees in the dark from her family's cabin in the Blue Mountains.

### POWER GENERATION NEEDS

Several people said they expected power generated by the project to be sent south to California or possibly to the west side of Washington.

The Northwest Power and Conservation Council projects a need for 8,000 more megawatts by 2030 as demand rises and more than 4,400 megawatts of coal-fired and hydroelectric power generation is retired.

But Bush said Horse Heaven Wind Farm turbines would not provide a local benefit because more electricity is needed on the hottest and coldest days of the year when the wind is not blowing.

The energy complex would produce only 30% of its stated capacity and would need to be backed up with hydroelectric dams and nuclear plants that generate electricity more reliably, said Richard Yrjanson of Richland.

The project, including wind and solar, would have a generating capacity of up to 1,150 megawatts. At full capacity that is about the power required by a city the size of Seat-

tle.

Yrjanson called the project "a very expensive way to generate quite unreliable electricity."

### MULTI-GENERATION FARMS

David Kobus, project manager for the Horse Heaven Wind Farm, said after the meeting that power production is an export economy, not unlike the wheat grown in the area and exported now.

Much of the land proposed for the project is now used for dryland wheat production and grazing.

"These property owners have the right to seek the fullest economic use of the land that has been in their families for generations," he told the county commissioners during the meeting.

Several people said that there were better uses of the land than wind and solar power production.

One person said the proposed project was just too big and too close to the Tri-Cities.

But Kobus said Scout Clean Energy picked the site based on factors such as being close to adequate transmission capacity and being near markets for the power.

Purchasers for the power have yet to be identified, with the project not yet having permits or starting construction.

Kobus said issues with turbine shadow flicker had been worked out on a one-by-one basis with the owners of the limited number of properties that could be affected.

The project, planned over two phases would generate almost \$20 million in property tax revenue during its first full year of operation, according to an economic impact analysis commissioned by Scout Clean Energy.

Over 35 years of operation, the project would pay nearly \$260 million in property taxes, much of that going to local schools, according to the company.

### WASHINGTON STATE MEETING

Tri-Cities area residents and others will have a second chance to comment at a land use hearing before the Washington state Energy Facility Site

Evaluation Council at 5 p.m. March 30.

People will be allowed to comment on all issues surrounding the proposed Horse Heaven Wind Farm, according to the agency.

It will be held online via Skype at

bit.ly/EFSECmeetingHH and also will have telephone access at 360-407-3810. The meeting ID is 6702140#.

Officials will be available to answer questions from 5 to 5:30 p.m., followed by a presentation and then a public hearing.

To sign up to comment call 360-664-1345 before the meeting or email efsec@utc.wa.gov. Comments also may be emailed to that address.

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County Commissioners and related agencies

Scout Clean Energy taken over by Quinbrook a global investment manager located In England I believe, as such it appears that any revenue collected after taking tax advantages and other government write offs, which was set to end this year will be extended by the present elected party and the “green” party of this state.

I am against the approval of the Scout Wind, Solar, and Battery Storage Complex being approved. It is not needed for the following reason:

1. It only produces 30 % of its stated capacity (1,150 megawatts) it is not able to provide peak services and needs backup by dams, nuclear, etc. We are paying extra cost for our elec. Bills due to the low performance. Our taxes also increased due to subsidies and tax benefits Scout enjoys. “A very expensive way to generate quite unreliable electricity.”
2. Visual eye pollution: You can’t drive 180 miles without seeing the 400 foot towers: “ we worked hard to eliminate bill boards near the highways, and we replaced them with wind generators”.



3. Winds unpredictability means it truly has no generating capacity value. Wind is simply an additional capital cost which increases the cost to the rate payer twice as much.

4. We are here today to discuss wind power, costs, reliability, and other critical approval processes. The minute we begin to fear the opinions of others and hesitate to tell the truth that is in us, and from motives of policy are silent when we should speak, the divine floods of light and life no longer flow into our souls. And I THANK YOU for the opportunity to speak.

**From:** [Donnie Dean](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 11:37:33 AM

Public Comment #0116  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

Anyone trying to shortcut the legal process is up to no good. The process is what it is for a reason.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dori Rhynalds](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Object to wind farm!  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 12:16:59 PM

Public Comment #0117  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

I am a resident of Benton County and I vehemently opposed putting the wind farms on Horse Haven Hills. This is a beautiful area and is part of our beloved and growing wine industry. The amount of chemical and materials used to make wind tunnels (which don't produce much power and are unreliable when its not windy) is not worth it- there are better ways of exploiting / adding clean energy (try nuclear!).

Meanwhile, this proposal is very selfish on the part of the West Side. Clearly they would not allow this to happen in their precious views. How about putting this at the top of Tiger Mountain on the Eastside? Obviously wont happen, not in your backyard....

We in Eastern WA need to have our voices heard. Governor Inslee, we vehemently don't want this!

Regards,  
Dori Rhynalds  
Benton County, WA

Sent from iDori Pad

**From:** [Fran Zelikovsky](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** wind project  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 2:26:41 PM

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Public Comment #0118  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

It would be abhorrent to have those ugly wind turbines marring the landscape and the horizon for Tri City citizens. Please defeat this proposed plan. Fran Zelikovsky Richland, Wa. 99352

**From:** [Jocelyn Peterman](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heavens Windmills  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:38:01 PM

Public Comment #0119  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

To whom it concerns,

Please do NOT support the Horse Heavens Windmill project. This is lining the pockets of a very few with little benefit to all. Additionally, this is not suitable for this area to be looking at more windmills on our residential skyline. No where in Washington state are windmills present in sight of a metropolitan area other than south Kennewick. Quite frankly I'm appalled every time I look south and that's it's now even being considered adding more. The existing windmills should be torn down and moved. The proposed wind mills can be sited elsewhere period. Use common sense.

Alan and Jocelyn Peterman  
Kennewick



**From:** [Rocky Smith](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:39:27 PM

Public Comment #0120  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

I am adamantly opposed to the proposed wind farm for a litany of reasons. I won't list them all for brevity. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Rocky Ross  
1820 Road 60  
Pasco, WA. 99301  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [steve@sporthausnw.com](mailto:steve@sporthausnw.com)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Scout Energy Turbines  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:42:16 PM

Public Comment #0121  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

I am opposed to the Scout Clean Energy wind turbine project near Kennewick Washington. We do not need this massive eye soars on our horizon. Look what happened in Texas. When you need their energy in cold conditions they failed.

Regards  
Steve McConnell

Sporthaus  
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[steve@sporthausnw.com](mailto:steve@sporthausnw.com)



**From:** [lanirock@charter.net](mailto:lanirock@charter.net)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021 4:43:14 PM

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Public Comment #0122  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
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External Email

I am strongly opposed to the proposed wind farm for many reasons. Please do NOT approve this project. Thank you.

Lannie Smith  
1820 N. Road 60  
Pasco, WA 99301

**From:** [Chris Powers](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 12:39:22 PM

Public Comment #0123  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this e-mail to express my opposition to the proposed wind turbine project being considered along the Horse Heaven Hills above the Tri-Cities. This project would install over 200 turbines on 20+ miles of a prominent ridgeline in full view of virtually every Tri-City resident, including myself. The Tri-Cities is a long way from the significant load center along the I-5 corridor purportedly driving the need for this project. In my view such a project, if economically viable, should be located in close proximity to the load. If the turbines are deemed acceptable aesthetically for the residents of the Tri-Cities, then they should also be equally acceptable to residents of Puget Sound. If not, choose an off-shore site below the horizon. Proximity to load is a far more important criterion for siting than the perceived lower risk in receiving siting approval due to the need to convince a smaller, less "sophisticated" population "from the east side" to accept the project. Do not propose turbine installation in this area without first installing the necessary number of actual load driven turbines (not subsidy-driven projects) in Puget Sound.

Respectfully,  
Chris Powers  
509-554-1968

**From:** [surfingmiller](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Scout Clean Energy Plan -- Comment  
**Date:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 2:00:33 PM

Public Comment #0124  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

The words below were included in today's Tri-City Herald editorial regarding the Scout Clean Energy Plan, and I think similar words were expressed in a local meeting held recently for residents of the area to provide input to this plan:

“To Tri-Citians, the Horse Heaven Hills are a special scenic area.”

As a Tri-Citian of about 49 years, I would not say that I consider these hills to be a special scenic area. I don't know how broadly held the Tri-City Herald's editorial opinion is. I personally do not have a problem with the Scout Clean Energy Plan for locating windmills, solar panels, and a battery storage facility in the planned area.

From: [Richard Yrjanon](#)  
To: [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
Subject: Sunday Paper Tri-City Herald Article Editorial Board Enter into hearing on Horse Heaven Hills Application  
Date: Sunday, March 21, 2021 4:02:57 PM  
Attachments: [60340A550500418491135170F5B61356.png](#)

Public Comment #0125  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
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## On wind turbine plan, Inslee should listen to Tri-Cities

BY THE TRI-CITY HERALD  
EDITORIAL BOARD

The thought of turning our beloved Horse Heaven Hills into a pin cushion for massive wind turbines breaks the hearts of most Tri-Citians.

Yet, in the end, will our sadness be a factor when Gov. Jay Inslee decides whether to approve Scout Clean Energy's application for its wind project?

That's the big question. Inslee is known for his clean-energy goals, and while we support fighting climate change and reducing carbon emissions, many of us in Eastern Washington are tired of feeling like we're the sacrificial spot for that agenda.

We realize wind projects are bound to be built in our state, but must a project of this magnitude

be constructed so close to a major population center?

And, we might add, it's a population center that relies heavily on the wine industry and the tourism that it brings. Beautiful vineyards, rolling hills and spectacular vistas are what bring people to Tri-Cities' wine country.

No one will be impressed by a skyline scarred by monolithic structures. More wind turbines will most certainly ruin the view.

At a two-hour public hearing held with Benton County commissioners Tuesday, citizens complained repeatedly that the turbines would be an eyesore and an atrocity in our backyard.

As discussion of this project moves forward, we would like to remind the governor that there is a precedent for heavily

weighing the affect wind turbines have on a scenic landscape.

In 2004, the Whistling Ridge Energy Project would have placed wind turbines on a prominent ridgeline near the town of White Salmon, a community along the Columbia River.

While not in the boundaries of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the proposed wind farm was near the line.

Opposition to the plan was fierce, and in the end Washington state decided the project must be scaled down, which eventually led project managers to abandon the plan altogether.

The arguments against the Whistling Ridge wind project were that it would "mar world-class scenery" with "little to no benefit to

the state of Washington's citizens," according to the Friends of the Columbia Gorge. It also would "harm the local tourism economy and negatively affect property values in surrounding communities."

Sounds a lot like the same arguments Tri-Citians are making.

The Friends of the Columbia Gorge also say that: "Icons of the Pacific Northwest, like the Columbia River Gorge, Mount Rainier, and the Olympic Mountains, should be off-limits to large-scale energy development. We can combat climate change without having to sacrifice our most special places and our core values."

We completely agree. Eastern Washington is not devoid of natural beauty. To Tri-Citians, the

Horse Heaven Hills are a special scenic area. Why should it be valued any less than other remarkable sites in Washington state?

To add to the concern, the wind turbines planned by Scout Clean Energy are massive. The Colorado-based company is considering two options — and both include wind turbines comparable to the height of the Seattle Space Needle, where the observation deck is at 520 feet.

One proposal puts 244 turbines at almost 500 feet tall over about 10 square miles. The other option would be to install 150 turbines at 670 feet tall. The leased farm land for the project stretches about 24 miles from south of Finley to the south of Benton City.

If the application were up to Benton County officials, it likely would be dead on arrival. At the public hearing, Commissioners Shon Small and Will McKay voiced opposition to it before the meeting even started.

But the decision won't

be made at the local level.

Scout Clean Energy has filed its application with the Washington state Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council instead.

Company officials claimed the scale and scope of the project would create a burden on county staff, but to Tri-Citians it feels like an end-run around the local community.

The final decision on whether to allow the project will be decided by the evaluation council and Inslee. The state council plans its own public hearing on the Scout Clean Energy plan on Tuesday, March 30. To register to comment, call 360-664-1345 before the meeting or email [efsec@utc.wa.gov](mailto:efsec@utc.wa.gov).

And then hope that council officials and Gov. Jay Inslee pay attention and truly listen to local input.

The views of the citizens who will be most affected by their decision should not be easily dismissed.

**From:** [June Killmer](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind turbines in Tri Cities  
**Date:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 4:12:44 PM

Public Comment #0126  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

The TriCities does NOT want turbines in the Horse Heaven Hills. Keep them on the West side of the state....there is plenty of wind off the ocean! This area has worked very hard over many years to build the “wine country” tourism industry. This has been a financial diversification from Hanford, plus it brings in substantial taxes and recognition to the State. Looking at massive turbines all along the ridge line of this “vineyard focused” topography is simply appalling!

There is a lot of nothing between Connell and Spokane....look there or keep them on the West side of this state.....the East side is primarily agricultural based!!

June Killmer

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Elinor WOEHLER](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 6:45:10 PM

Public Comment #0127  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

Please do not build the proposed wind farm. Our local area is not in need of additional energy. We do not want wind turbines on our hills. I strongly urge you to reject the wind farms.

Elinor Woehler

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Kay Sisson](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind farm proposal SE WA  
**Date:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 7:45:39 PM

Public Comment #0128  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
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External Email

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to express my opposition to the Scout Clean Energy Wind Farm proposal for the Horse Heaven Hills area. This area is not optimal for wind energy; it would replace renewable energy; it would be unsightly (they would no longer be the Horse Heavens, or anyone else's heaven).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sisson

6306 W 16th Ave

Kennewick, WA 99338

509 735-7475

**From:** [jantkids@aol.com](mailto:jantkids@aol.com)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills Windfarm  
**Date:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 8:01:13 PM

Public Comment #0129  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

### External Email

I am a citizen of Richland, WA in Benton County and I am writing to OPPOSE the Horse Heaven Hills Windfarm proposed by Scout Clean Energy. First their name is not even what they represent, as the tremendous carbon foot print this windfarm will have is NOT clean. It takes a large amount of fossil fuel to transport these pieces to the final resting spot, a tremendous amount of cement that will be trucked in with fossil fuel, and a life span that has no appropriate way for disposal of the lithium storage batters, amount of concrete and the blades and other parts of the structure. Second they have not been honest about where the energy will go, since we do not need energy in our area it will go to Seattle or CA and there is no question about that. Third, the impact report is not honest and has outright lies in it in regards to the birds, first these windmills proposed will be as tall as the Space Needle. They are right in the path of migratory birds flyway and to count dead birds on the ground even in a week period is completely inaccurate as the wild life, ie coyotes eat the carcasses so they will not have an accurate count unless some one counted every single morning by sun up, which would only happen AFTER they are built and that will be a travesty for raptors, hawks, falcons, and sandhill cranes that are known to frequent the hills south of Kennewick. This is not a good solution for our area to have to limit it's urban growth, wine industry and travel so California and Seattle can have some electricity. I have heard there are many reports about what will happen in the area in regards to affecting humans and wildlife from the windmills, but have no first hand knowledge of that, but what I do know is that they will bring in skilled labor from outside of this area, as I know people travel to work on windfarms. So the economic impact may have some short term benefit, but in the long term the financial impact I believe has been way over exaggerated in order to sell their idea to our county and state. The impact for 50 years into the future for a lack of growth in our travel, winery and growth will impact far more than a few hundreds of thousands of tax dollars revenue for what they have proposed.

Please, deny this request for this permit.

Thank you,

Janice & Stephen Taylor  
720 Shockley Rd  
Richland, WA 99352

**From:** [Drew, Kathleen \(UTC\)](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Makeup of the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
**Date:** Sunday, March 21, 2021 11:29:20 PM

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**From:** Wayne Slater <cozeehome@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** March 21, 2021 at 12:04:01 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Makeup of the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
**To:** Drew, Kathleen (UTC) <kathleen.drew@utc.wa.gov>

External Email

Ms Drew:

In an effort to become more informed concerning the proposed Horse Heaven Hills wind energy project in Benton county and the role the Council plays in approving the project, it would be helpful to know the makeup of the Council. Could you provide the names of the current Council members and the organizations or constituencies they represent, or refer me to a location I might find this information?

Thank you

H. Wayne Slater

215 Enterprise Dr.

Richland, WA 99354

**From:** [Melanie Gould](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Scout Clean Energy Wind Turbines  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 9:32:57 AM

Public Comment #0131  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
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External Email

Governor Jay Inslee,

My family reside in the Tri-City area, Prosser and West Richland. All voted for you, yes in right wing Benton county. It is time to please listen and represent the individuals in this area regarding the Scout Clean Energy application/plan to place wind turbines in the Horse Heaven Hills. The wind turbines will destroy the beautiful view, both during the day and at night. When recently returning from Walla Walla at night, all in the vehicle were horrified with the Blinking Red Lights coming from wind turbines, let alone the day time total disruption of the fantastic view and natural landscape. Please deny this application. The wildlife affected will be extensive, the wind turbines cannot be allowed. My view from our home is the Horse Heaven Hills, I would not trade it for the world. I understand the West Side individuals loving the green trees, mountains, and Puget Sound. **LIKEWISE**, the people living on the East Side greatly value the our OPEN landscape, the multiple bird species (bald eagles, hawks, and additional wildlife. You represent all individuals in Washington State. Please listen to our voices and the voices of the Benton County officials.

Sincerely,  
Melanie Gould RNC  
Benton County  
Prosser Washington

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [Melanie Gould](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Scout Clean Energy Wind Turbines  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 9:35:18 AM

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Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
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**From:** Melanie Gould <[melaniesgould@gmail.com](mailto:melaniesgould@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** March 22, 2021 at 8:41:16 AM PDT  
**To:** [ofsec@utc.wa.gov](mailto:ofsec@utc.wa.gov)  
**Subject:** Scout Clean Energy Wind Turbines

Governor Jay Inslee,  
My family reside in the Tri-City area, Prosser and West Richland. All voted for you, yes in right wing Benton county. It is time to please listen and represent the individuals in this area regarding the Scout Clean Energy application/plan to place wind turbines in the Horse Heaven Hills. The wind turbines will destroy the beautiful view, both during the day and at night. When recently returning from Walla Walla at night, all in the vehicle were horrified with the Blinking Red Lights coming from wind turbines, let alone the day time total disruption of the fantastic view and natural landscape. Please deny this application. The wildlife affected will be extensive, the wind turbines cannot be allowed. My view from our home is the Horse Heaven Hills, I would not trade it for the world. I understand the West Side individuals loving the green trees, mountains, and Puget Sound. LIKEWISE, the people living on the East Side greatly value the our OPEN landscape, the multiple bird species (bald eagles, hawks, and additional wildlife. You represent all individuals in Washington State. Please listen to our voices and the voices of the Benton County officials.

Sincerely,  
Melanie Gould RNC  
Benton County  
Prosser Washington

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Ed Koellermeier](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse heaven wind  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 10:55:15 AM

Public Comment #0133  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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I object to planned wind farm

From KOELLYS iPhone

**From:** [Andrew Gallatin](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 11:07:59 AM

Public Comment #0134  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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To Whom It May Concern,

I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm proposed in Benton County just south of the Tri-Cities. This project will bring many benefits to our region including affordable, clean energy, new jobs, and increased tax revenue. Benton County has a long history of energy development and generation, and I support this new opportunity.

I understand that the project will create hundreds of jobs during construction, as well as long-term family-wage positions once the facility begins operations. Further, the developer estimates that property tax revenues over the life of the project will generate millions of dollars for the local community. Under current allocations, the largest proportion of those funds would support local schools.

Please help us make these opportunities a reality by supporting the Horse Heaven Wind Farm.

Respectfully,

Andrew Gallatin  
3001 Riverbend Dr  
Richland, WA 99354

**From:** [Karen Richardson](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 4:27:48 PM

Public Comment #0135  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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Karen R.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Karen Richardson <[zimbaz2910@gmail.com](mailto:zimbaz2910@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** March 15, 2021 at 11:45:45 AM PDT  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments

Karen R.

[zimbaz2910@gmail.com](mailto:zimbaz2910@gmail.com)

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**From:** Karen Richardson <[zimbaz2910@gmail.com](mailto:zimbaz2910@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** March 15, 2021 at 11:41:37 AM PDT  
**To:** [Commissioners@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:Commissioners@co.benton.wa.us)  
**Subject:** Wind Farm Town Hall Comments

Karen R.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Karen Richardson <[zimbaz2910@gmail.com](mailto:zimbaz2910@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** March 14, 2021 at 1:04:01 PM PDT  
**To:** [efsec@utc.wa.gov](mailto:efsec@utc.wa.gov)  
**Subject:** Save Our Ridges

To Whom It May Concern,

As a neighbor in this area, I am definitely OPPOSED to this HUGE WIND TURBINE FARM!!!! We moved to our home with an older and younger generation because it was a place with wide , open spaces. Clean air and less traffic!! We love the migratory birds that fly over head and less noise pollution!! Not everyone wants to live on top of each other like in the big cities!!

We will not be able to use the energy developed by these turbines!!!!!!

I'm not opposed to Green Energy. What do you call Hydro-Electricity?? We use our energy generated by the dams on our rivers, the Columbia and Snake, and from the Nuclear power developed at the Hanford Nuclear reservation which I believe should be reintroduced here because we embrace it instead of opposing it!!! Our Benton County PUD opposes these wind farms also!!! You could move this WIND FARM to other OPEN spaces where there aren't any homes, but this area is the ONLY SPACE LEFT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO GO!!!

There are new homes being built out here right now!!

This is the only space left for Kennewick to build homes, raise families, and generate a Bigger Tax Base!!! No one will move here because of the sheer SIZE of these turbines! They're not exactly small!!!! !!PLEASE

DON'T SIGN THAT PERMIT FOR SCOUT CLEAN ENERGY!!!

AND PLEASE LOOK FOR OTHER UNPOPULATED AREAS FOR THESE TURBINES!!!

THANK YOU!

Karen R.



**From:** [Glen Daily](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Scout Energy Proposed Wind Farm in E. WA.  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 5:14:30 PM

Public Comment #0136  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

### External Email

My husband and I are very strongly opposed to the Scout Energy Wind Farm project. Scout has sidestepped input from the community and filed with the EFSEC. We understand this is their right but it demonstrates a total disregard for our community. We believe they knew their project would be very ill received here in our area and chose what we consider to be as a cowardly, quick and dirty route. It's quite obvious that our opinion is irrelevant to them. Is this really the kind of business you will choose to do business with?

As was stated repeatedly at the Benton County Town Hall, the damage will be irreparable in so many ways. As we look to address future energy needs of our region there are numerous alternatives to wind turbines, all of which are much more acceptable in our community.

We sincerely request that you listen to our communities- both Benton and Franklin Counties and deny the Scout Energy Project.

Thank you.

Cheryl and Glen Daily  
509-440-2141

**From:** [Heidi Heineman](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse heaven wind turbine project  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 5:20:46 PM

Public Comment #0137  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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Please read my letter to those attending the March 30th meeting.

This projected wind farm does absolutely nothing positive for the Horse Heaven Hills and surrounding areas of Eastern Washington. All the generated power and green savings credits are going to Western Washington. Why is that?

Eastern Washington Resident will not receive any reduced rates of electricity. Eastern Washington residents will however be plunged into another unfair crisis without any area representation. Again, why is that? Everyone on the voting board is from Western Washington. No one from Eastern Washington.

How is this even allowed? People from Western Washington are to decide our views, our landscapes our values based on their consumption of energy? Western Washington residents are given the opportunity to rape and pillage our Horse Heaven Hills with no consequence. Instead they get green credits and consume even more power.

If western Washington needs power and wants wind turbines - then cut down some of their precious trees and put these turbine on the foothills of the Cascades or Olympics.

This is a extreme example of why there is such a divide between Western and Eastern Washington. The governor needs to step in and realize this is nothing but Wrong Wrong Wrong.

Why are Eastern Washington Residents not given a voice? Representation? Why was the developer able to circumvent the application process to their advantage?

The Horse Heaven Hills are not sale. They are an ever-changing steppe landscape with steep ravines and jagged canyons. The original wildlife was ravaged by hunters. The Wild bison is gone. A few wild horses and pronghorn remain.

Stop this wind farm. It is not a farm. A farm produces a product that is available to all. This "wind farm" is a political earthquake. Shake it off. Not in Eastern Washington!!!!

All the Best,  
Heidi Heineman  
Benefits Account  
Coord. Specialist  
Aflac -WA OR CA ID  
206 940 2042

**From:** [Brandy Scott](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Project  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 5:36:51 PM

Public Comment #0138  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

To whom it may concern,

Please consider our opposition to this project. We are Benton County (Kennewick) voters.

Thank you,  
Jon and Brandy Scott

**From:** [Karen Richardson](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 6:18:53 PM

Public Comment #0139  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

I emphatically am opposed to the Scout "Clean" Energy Wind Farm! I live directly in the view of the proposed facility!

Right now I look out my window and see beautiful views. Rolling hills and fields that used to be farmland filled with birds; Eagles, Cooper Hawks, Redtailed Hawk, which has an endangered mating area attached, Sandhill cranes, doves, pheasants and more. Also deer, coyotes and Badgers of course!! Now the farmers are tilling up the land and replacing brown fields with houses! Wide open views that new people can enjoy!

The Scout Energy Farm would be mingling in and out of new homes! How can that work? These turbines leak oil and catch fire. This area is always fighting wild sagebrush fires that happen mostly from lightning storms!! The land I live on caught fire before we built our home. Burnt the whole hillside from Badger Canyon to Clodfelter rd. all the way to Locust rd. The exact area the wind farm would be. I sat and watched lightning strikes start huge land scorching fires!!! A BIG REASON why it's sparsely populated!

What happens if one of these turbines catch's fire? We aren't going to let that happen without lawsuits and litigation for years!! Do they have fantastic insurance???

This area is also prone to HUGE AMOUNTS OF SNOW!! Some times 18-20 ft. of snow that succumbs to HUGE SNOW DRIFTS! It's drifted to the point roads get closed all the way to the Columbia Gorge!! Semi-trucks have tried to get thru and gotten disabled and have needed rescuing from our community. Our temperatures have dropped to 15 degrees and below. Look at what happened to the Texas countryside! Just because our maps say we're a desert arid area, doesn't mean we don't have frigid winters!

There are MANY REASONS TO REJECT THOS FARM!!! Logistical Reasons are that this is the wrong place for the wind turbine farm!!!!!!

Karen R.

Karen R.

**From:** [Mark Wilk](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** How does this project benefit the local folks?  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 7:35:15 PM

Public Comment #0140  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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The below statement was provided by the HOA:

The project is expected to generate almost \$20 million in property taxes during its first full year of operation. Over the 35-year planned operation of the project, about \$260 million in property taxes would be paid, according to Scout Clean Energy.

This is a vague statement. **Will my property taxes be lower? I would like verification in writing.**

I also understand that this region power sources already meet, in surplus, this area power needs. It is intended for other areas of those who suck the marrow of others because they are unwilling to bear their burden.

Will my **electric rate be lower? I would like verification in writing.**

In addition, how does this meet the Biden administration stated DOE goal of environmental justice?

Based on the Biden administration golden rule of environmental justice, how is justice meet for this community?

Is the Biden DOJ / EPA / DOE aware of your apparent violation??

**I would like verification in writing how this proposed project is in alignment with Biden administration directives.**

Failure to provide written verification means the provided statements are propaganda.

There is an iconic phrase from the 1980's, "Where's the beef?" How does this project benefit me and my neighbors? Why isn't this farm in Beaverton, OR? Or Bainbridge, WA?

Mark A. Wilk  
wilkm@uw.edu  
(682) 220-3584



**From:** [brian.severson](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against Horse Heaven Hills Wind farm  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 8:12:34 PM

Public Comment #0141  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

To whom it concerns,

I have lived in the badger canyon area if the tri cities for the last 10 years. I have a gorgeous view of the horse heaven hills from my door step.

I want to voice my opposition for a project that has limited short term benefits to the local community, but ling term repercussions.

The projected capacity factor is only 30 percent. As such the carbon free energy gained us negligible, especially when you account for the the fact that peak energy consumption periods are when the wind is at the lightest, mid summer, and mid winter.

The wind mills we be a blight on an outdoor oriented community that depends on the wine and tourism industry.

Sincerely  
Brian Severson

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Lia Minelli](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to the Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 8:20:25 PM

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Public Comment #0142  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

Hello Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

This letter is to emphasize my opposition to the Horse Heaven Wind Farm as a homeowner and resident of the tri cities. Having grown up in Richland then attended the Univ of Washington and now back in the tri cities as an owner of 4 residential properties, it's disheartening to see a wind farm proposed and allowed to impact our beautiful tri cities ridges, which will have a major impact on property values for residents in the area. Why would we as a state and a community allow such a misstep for property owners, locals, and the value of their real estate? Please help.

Lia Minelli McClure

**From:** [Scott Pettitt](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Haven Wind Project  
**Date:** Monday, March 22, 2021 11:03:12 PM

Public Comment #0143  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

### External Email

Greetings,

It still amazes me that our state is willing to use subsidized energy projects that due not provide a reliable source of energy to enrich the 1% elite with these subsidized projects.

Science has shown that a wind platform creates a huge carbon footprint, is unreliable, creates massive toxic emission in the production of the magnets (in China of course so we don't have to acknowledge it), and takes more than 260 times the land footprint of a nuclear plant that has no toxic emissions.

In fact if we got away from the lobbyist and high dollar nuclear plants and started using Thorium Sulfide nuclear plants like the Germans used during WWII, we would have extremely cheap energy with a nuclear source that is so safe that if a problem occurred you could dump it on the ground without any adverse environmental or public health effect. Such plants have been promoted by the Alliance of Certified Hazardous Materials Managers but are ignored because of low profit margins for government contractors who want o build the more complex reactors with all the required safety measures.

Anyhow, I oppose all wind projects in Washington and in all the US as theft. If you can build these projects and create require revenue without ANY subsidy then fine. If you use any subsidy, then you are a thief, stealing money from other citizens where wind farms will never be used to enrich power companies here. Theft is Theft.

I will consult with my law firm to determine best way to initiate a class action law suit to recover subsidized money here, and potentially throughout the US from all wind power producers. I spend a little, it costs you millions. Don't build a wind farm in my back yard. Keep them FAR away from cities. Don't use subsidies.....that makes the CEO, entire board of directors, and stockholders thieves. If it can't stand alone without subsidies it doesn't make economic sense. (Wind and Solar farms are, currently, until technology advances, a loss to the taxpayer).

Give it some time. When storage system technology advances, then that may be the time.

Let true economic principles guide development. Don't steal from the taxpayers. I, and all I know, consider the developers of wind power projects in WA and elsewhere to be immoral people. Change your ways.

Regards,

Scott Pettitt

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**From:** [Mike and Judi Dahl](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven hills wind farms  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 7:35:39 AM

Public Comment #0144  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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I am writing you regarding the proposed wind farms near Kennewick, Washington. I have done research and have seen the eyesore these enormous wind farms are doing to our beautiful landscapes, wildlife, and native plants. The cost is outrageous for what little energy they produce,. I have lived in Richland for over sixty-three years and continue to live here for the beauty of our surrounding hills, sunrises, and sunsets. I travel throughout the Pacific Northwest and see what these hideous wind turbine farms are doing to our once beautiful landscapes. It saddens me and my family of how many migratory birds they kill each year. Do your research on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services website and do the right thing PLEASE!

NO TO THE HORSE HEAVEN WIND FARMS.

Judi Dahl  
509-554-3103  
Richland, WA

**From:** [Paul Cardelli](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Con: HHH Wind Farm - March 30th  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 7:40:36 AM

Public Comment #0145  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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This is in regards to the Horse Haven Wind farm project being proposed by the non-Washington firm Scout Clean Energy.

Objections

- no local PUD needs their power "they already said NO", they have Washington State based energy company's already working on plans for clean carbon power generation.
- will negatively impact the landscape for 30 plus years for the region, and will only be running when the wind blows and there is demand. Currently there is no contract to buy the power locally.
- power will likely be transported out of state and not used locally.
- migratory birds travel through this region at the same times the farm would be operational which is during season changes killing endangered fowl.
- would result in unreliable power assumptions from a company that does not understand our unique power needs and challenges.
- would complicate local energy planning already in process by local generation providers, BPA, and PUDs.

Please refuse to approve project related to the Horde Haven Wind Project.

Best Regards

Paul Cardelli  
24905 S Clodfelter Rd  
Kennewick WA 99338

Ph 509-987-7448

**From:** [Moon, Amy \(UTC\)](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:11:42 AM

Public Comment #0146  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

See below.

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**From:** Georgia Huthmacher <ghuthmacher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 7:14 AM  
**To:** Moon, Amy (UTC) <amy.moon@utc.wa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Letter

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That is 1-mile to close! Totally ruins the value of my property.. Please enter this as a protest . Those ugly monsters are visable for miles, one mile is literally on top of my property. We don't need the meager wattage these ugly monsters generate. Please when your agency makes a decision put yourselves in our place. We have an investment up there and it will be worthless if this project is okayed. I protest mightily as a tax payer and land owner do your job and represent us accordingly.  
Georgia Huthmacher

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 3:55 PM Moon, Amy (UTC) <[amy.moon@utc.wa.gov](mailto:amy.moon@utc.wa.gov)> wrote:

Georgia-

You were identified as a landowner within 1-mile of the proposed project, not as a property located within the proposed project footprint.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

*Amy I. Moon*

Energy Facility Site Specialist | Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council | Utilities and Transportation Commission | (360)664-1362 | [amy.moon@utc.wa.gov](mailto:amy.moon@utc.wa.gov)

From: [Mike Minelli](#)  
To: [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
Subject: EFSEC Questions For Scout  
Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:56:34 AM

Public Comment #0147  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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**ADLS** Why have you not offered Aircraft Detection Lighting Systems to reduce the night time effect across the Tri Cities Metro area?

**EXPEDITE** Why have you been studying the HHHills for the past several years then upon submitting the application immediately request the EFSEC to expedite the approval? Why?

**BYPASSED** Why have you chosen to bypass the Tri Cities (the people most affected) and the Benton County Commissioners?

**\$=?** Why have you spent such a huge amount of money yet so few very people know about the project? Doesn't your study indicate that among those who say they are familiar only recall general information?

**LEGAL QUESTIONS** Why have you hired Tetra Tech when they have a well documented and extensive history of major project lawsuits.

**FOR OR AGAINST?** What are your thoughts about the large survey difference for the % against the Wind Farm project?  
Scout Survey Against (12/20) 35% Benton County Survey Against (3/21) 90%

**UNCLEAR PHOTOS** Why do the photos of the turbines appear to be in a light fog? Also, wouldn't a night time photo of the red lights be important? Finally would a simulated view from a terrifying number of homes and subdivisions within a .5 to 3 mile distance give an honest look?

Once the towers are going up and 24 miles of red lights are turned on,,, there will be thousands of upset people with many questions and much finger pointing.... but it will be too late. Please make the right decision and say no to the Wind Farm on HHH.

Respectfully, Mike Minelli



**Owens, Joan (UTC)**

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**From:** Karen Richardson <zimbaz2910@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 10:27 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Horse Heave Hills Ava

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To the EFSEC,

This is the MOST IMPORTANT REASON TO STOP THE WIND TURBINE FARM!!! We are a Listed AVA area in Wa. State!! We've been listed in magazine articles in the American Winery Guide, we are in the Columbia Gorge Winegrowers Assn.

I can't imagine that it would be legal to build Wind Farms in this designated Wine Grape Growing area!!

I believe that Mr. Dan Newhouse has a Winery on the Eastside of the Cascade Mts. He may have some great insight about our area!! Along with Horse Heaven Hills AVA, there is also RattleSnake Hills AVA, Red Mt. AVA, and Columbia Valley AVA. Chateau St. Michelle has a vineyard just miles to the west of us and there are more vineyards going in every day! There are 50 varietals of wine here alone!! Please help us to preserve the areas we have been granted for our wine industry!! It's part of our heritage!!!

AGAIN HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA IS THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON TO SHUT DOWN THIS WIND FARM!! Thank you!!

Karen R.

**From:** [Patricia Heasler](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against Proposed Scout Energy Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 10:31:40 AM

Public Comment #0149  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

### External Email

Please confirm receipt of this correspondence to you.  
Thank you.

Please be advised that the attached column written by scientist Jim Conca that appeared in Sunday's Tri-City Herald March 14, 2021 against the proposed Horse Heaven Wind Farm overlooking the Tri-Cities is factual. The article expresses many of the reasons why many of us in Benton and Franklin counties are in opposition to the Siting of the Wind Farm as currently proposed. There are better places to site this Wind Farm in Benton County or other places in the State than on the ridges overlooking the Tri-Cities.

For the reasons writer Jim Conca states, and many more, like the majority of people who live in Benton and Franklin counties I am opposed to the Wind Farm. It would be more acceptable if placed outside the view of people who live in the Tri-Cities.

Article from Tri-City Herald 3/14/2021

## **Wind turbines don't belong on Washington's Horse Heaven Hills | Guest Opinion**

BY JIM CONCA  
MARCH 15, 2021 08:53 AM

A company out of Boulder, Colorado called Scout Clean Energy has applied for a permit to build a massive turbine wind farm in Washington State on the Horse Heaven Hills, extending from the town of Benton City, through the Tri-Cities, to the town of Finley. The wind farm will have upwards of 250 turbines that are 500 feet tall and cover about 6,500 acres (over 10 square

miles).

But the Pacific Northwest is a lousy place to build wind turbines for two very good reasons. The power will not displace any fossil fuels but will only displace hydro, another renewable. And wind in this region just doesn't produce much energy, only 30% of its total capacity.

There is a growing opposition to this project in the region, just for these reasons.

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Tornado Alley is the optimal place for wind turbines in the United States, pushing capacity factors to 50%, and has made wind the second largest generator of electricity in Kansas, South Dakota and Iowa, where they actually displace coal power.

The capacity factor is the percentage of the time a system is supplying its nameplate or installed capacity. The nameplate capacity times the capacity factor equals the actual output of the generating system.

According to the Scout Clean Energy plan, the new farm's nameplate capacity will be 1,150 MW. Since the capacity factor for this wind farm is only 30%, the generation will actually be only 345 MW operationally. Wind turbines in this area have an average capacity factor of only 27%.

In comparison, the capacity factor for the Columbia Generating Station, our local nuclear power plant, is 98%. With a nameplate capacity of 1,207 MW, it's producing about 1,180 MW continuously, over 3 times that of the similarly-sized proposed wind farm.

Scout Clean Energy claims that this wind farm will offset 3.5 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, but that's not true either. There is little fossil fuel in Washington State, which is 70% hydro, 8% nuclear, 13% renewables (mostly wind), 5% gas and 4% coal, the latter from a single coal plant scheduled to be retired in 2025.





**From:** [pam minelli](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 11:33:44 AM

Public Comment #0150  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

Dear EFSEC Members,

**As a Benton County resident, I adamantly oppose the proposed Horse Heaven Wind Farm.**

Although I support clean energy, placing this enormous wind farm so near our homes and communities and across valuable agricultural land is a bad idea. Already the Tri Cities area enjoys carbon free sources of energy making this wind farm of no environmental benefit to our area.

These gigantic wind turbines will be seen for miles by visitors and residents alike. They will scar our scenic ridges forever and leave us with a 24-mile-long eyesore. Their **red flashing lights** will ruin the **dark night sky** many nearby neighborhoods have worked hard to preserve.

The Tri Cities is a rapidly growing area providing valuable agricultural products and taxes for Washington State. With this wind farm planned close to the urban growth areas of Kennewick and Richland, will these communities be **landlocked and unable to grow**? Will **farmers** continue to work their Horse Heaven Hills land with the noise and flicker of up to 244 huge wind turbines?

All this **local loss and minimal gain** for an unreliable power source that will cost taxpayers millions of dollars. Our communities will be left with an ugly local eyesore that will produce electricity only at 30% efficiency...for power that will be used outside our area.

**Build wind farms where they are wanted and needed.** 244 Space Needle-sized turbines with flashing red lights and spinning blades towering over our homes and community make this wind farm a tragedy for our area.

**Say NO to the Horse Heaven Wind Farm.**

Pam Minelli  
Kennewick, WA

**From:** [Jacob LaRiviere](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Request to comment on Scout Clean Energy Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 11:39:47 AM

Public Comment #0151  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

### External Email

Hi-

My name is Jacob LaRiviere. I am born and raised in the Tri-Cities but currently live in Seattle where I am [affiliate faculty at University of Washington](#), Department of Economics, [Senior Principal Researcher and Research Manager in the Office of the Chief Economist at Microsoft](#), and [co-editor of the Journal of the Association of the Environmental and Resource Economists](#), the highest impact environmental economics journal. I have [published over 20 articles on environmental economics](#) including articles on the economics of efficient siting of windfarms.

The proposed project has diffuse benefits in terms of reduced CO2, lower wholesale electricity prices and a productive use of space currently used for dryland farming (not to mention jobs). However, there are localized costs: property values with a view of the windfarms will decrease wealth. Recent economics literature finds effects on the order of 2-10% when a property looks at a windmill relative to natural landscape. This explains fierce NIMBYism and local opposition to the windfarm.

I'd like to comment to encourage policymakers to think creatively about how they might change property taxes for homes with a view of the windfarms to offset the decrease in property values from the windfarms. This property tax decrease when combined with appropriate taxation of the sales revenue from the windfarm and effective spending on public goods which benefit affected homes so that they are better off on net despite having to look at windmills. Indeed Alaska already does something like this through the oil revenue payout to all Alaskans. I think this is not just an important project but a chance for local and state policymakers to be leaders on creative policymaking.

Thanks,

Jacob LaRiviere, PhD  
[www.jacoblariviere.com](http://www.jacoblariviere.com)  
858.531.5170

**From:** [pam.minelli](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Deny Horse Heaven Wind Farm Request for Expedited Processing  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12:04:31 PM

Public Comment #0152  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

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Dear EFSEC Members:

**Please deny Scout Clean Energy's 'Request for Expedited Processing' of their Horse Heaven Wind Farm application.**

When contacting Benton County residents, **MOST** were unaware of this mega wind farm. This included local city officials, real estate people, Visit the Tri-Cities tourism office, local businesses and residents I personally contacted.

**Additional time is needed to inform locals of this enormous project that will alter our ridges, agricultural environment and quality of life for years to come.**

In their proposal on page 1-56, Scout notes a phone survey of 500 Benton County voters done in December 2020. This survey claims public support (54% to 35%) of the Horse Heaven Wind Farm. Local comments recently submitted to the Benton County Commissioners show **90% opposing** the Horse Heaven Wind Farm.

**Additional time is needed for Tri City residents, businesses, agri-business, the wine/tourism industry, city governments, etc. to weigh in on the effect this massive wind farm will have on our environment, economy, property values and future growth of our area.**

**What's the rush? Please deny Scout Clean Energy's 'Request for Expedited Processing' of their Horse Heaven Wind Farm application.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Minelli  
Kennewick, WA

**From:** [Tenika Morrison](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** NO to the HHH Wind Farm!  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12:05:09 PM

Public Comment #0153  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

I just wanted to send a quick email to encourage you guys to please do all that you can to oppose the wind farm project. Even if it seems like it's hopeless please raise your voice for us citizens that we do not want this project here. If they are wanting to pursue they could always move further south toward the Oregon border where there would be less impact to our beautiful cities. I live in a home that would be in direct sight of the windmills which would blight the beautiful hills and I also watch the migrating birds right over my home twice a year...I would hate for them to get injured.

Thank you so much. Please oppose for us!

Tenika Morrison



**From:** [Gunnar Leidel](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** I support the Wayne Farms  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12:18:12 PM

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Public Comment #0154  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
[Docket #210011](#)

External Email

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [V. Miller](#)  
**To:** [Drew, Kathleen \(UTC\)](#); [Kidder, Ami \(UTC\)](#); [Moon, Amy \(UTC\)](#); [Overton, Kyle \(UTC\)](#); [Mastro, Tammy \(UTC\)](#); [Owens, Joan \(UTC\)](#); [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE STOP THE WIND FARM PROJECT!!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12:43:07 PM

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External Email

TO: Whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Kennewick in the badger canyon area. I am deeply saddened by this project going in on top of our homes. We have all worked so hard to carefully find a peaceful, beautiful, clean, and enjoyable area to plant our roots and call home. I am grateful for the hydro and nuclear plants that supply energy to us and surrounding areas. I love green resources, but a wind farm right here makes no sense to me. The cons heavily outweigh the pro's. Therefore, I am pleading with you to do whatever it takes to stop this project from happening here. The Tricities will never be the same if it goes in. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Valerie Miller

**From:** [Owens, Joan \(UTC\)](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: PLEASE STOP THE WIND FARM PROJECT!!!  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 1:03:13 PM

Public Comment #0157  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

Thanks,  
*~Joan Owens*

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**From:** V Miller <valjean.miller100@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12:43 PM

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**Subject:** PLEASE STOP THE WIND FARM PROJECT!!!

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Valerie Miller

**From:** [Jerald L. Holm](#)

**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)

**Subject:** Reject the Scout Energy application for a wind turbine farm on Horse Heaven Hills

**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 1:42:18 PM

Public Comment #0158  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

## External Email

23 March 2021

**TO:** [efsec@utc.wa.gov](mailto:efsec@utc.wa.gov)

**FROM:** Jerald L. Holm  
Richland WA  
509.627.2911  
[geraldholm@gmail.com](mailto:geraldholm@gmail.com)

My name is Jerald L. Holm. I am a resident of Richland, WA for the past 25 years. I write to urge you to reject the application of Scout Energy to build wind turbines along Horse Heaven Hills.

I spent most of my career working to help provide reliable electric generation. In the absence of reliable and affordable electric storage capacity, which we do not yet have, the electric grid needs to provide generation immediately to exactly meet the customers' demand. I learned from my colleagues that a power supply grid needs to have a variety of generation types to be reliable ... base load, intermediate, and peaking, in the jargon.

Wind turbine (and photovoltaic) generation are none of these. They can at best replace some other generation, when the wind or sunlight are available. Here in eastern Washington, the Scout turbines would mostly replace hydro generation, another "carbon free" generation. So our existing hydro capacity would either be deferred, or discarded by spilling water due to other requirements. The Scout wind turbines would provide no net carbon benefit, at the cost of underutilizing other existing generation capacity.

Perhaps an analogy is a garden here in eastern Washington. To have a productive garden you have to regularly water it from a reliable source, like a water utility or a well. If it happens to rain, you of course can defer watering the garden on that day; both are not needed. But you still have to have - and pay for - the water system on standby. If you rely on only rain to supply your garden, your garden will die.

If you rely on only wind turbines to meet electricity demand, your grid will fail. If you use electricity from wind turbines to replace existing carbon free generation, the total generation costs will increase with no lessening of carbon emissions.

Eastern Washington is the wrong place to add large scale wind turbine generation. Reject the Scout wind turbine application.

Thank you.



**From:** [Tina Glines](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Benton County Windmill Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 2:14:32 PM

Public Comment #0159  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

What is the point of offsetting already clean energy with windmills that eventually create waste and can't be recycled. This is not the place for this project. The cons outweigh the benefits. This will put money in the pockets of a few property owners but disrupt the load balance of our dams. Please don't add more windmills to our ridge.

Tina Glines

**From:** [TOM ANDERSEN](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to the noise and visual pollution.  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 2:34:55 PM

Public Comment #0160  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

Do not allow loud and unsightly wind towers to but put up on our pristine landscape.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Jeanette](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Farm Project Horse Heaven Hills  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 3:04:05 PM

Public Comment #0161  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

I am writing to state I am against the wind farm. Not only will it ruin our beautiful Eastern Washington landscape but kill thousands of birds flying into the blades. We talk about pollution and how to solve the problem, then we build wind turbines placing thousands of pounds of steel on our beautiful hillsides. This is pollution of the worst kind selling it to people as clean energy. Clean energy does not pollute our landscapes and kill wildlife you may fool people into believing it, but we all know it is not clean. I want my voice to be heard. Please stop this, it is so sad to see every single piece of ground destroyed by humans.

Thank you for your time

Jeanette Ward

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Mike Doenges](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 4:17:23 PM

Public Comment #0162  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

NO! We don't need it and it does not really benefit our community.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Don Wodrich](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 4:19:21 PM

Public Comment #0163  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

I am against the proposed wind farm. It doesn't provide baseline power and therefore when the wind doesn't blow, the power must be provided by hydroelectric dams, nuclear or fossil fuel plants that must always be available to fill the needs. The promise that storage batteries will soon provide the power when the wind doesn't blow or the sun doesn't shine is a hope-not reality. This project is driven by outside investors wanting to cash in on government subsidies, and the avid support of some western governors for renewable energy that will enable them to fulfil their promise to eliminate fossil fuels in the near term. Please do not support this ugly project!

Sincerely,  
Don Wodrich  
113 Mattis Dr.  
Richland, WA 99352



**From:** [Jay McCue](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to the HHHWIND FARM PROJECT  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 4:21:51 PM

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Public Comment #0164  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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**From:** [Larry Christensen](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Scout Energy Windfarm Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 4:44:27 PM

Public Comment #0165  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

Attention EFSEC Board,

My wife and I have lived in Eastern Washington for the vast majority of our 72 years on this planet. We are writing to urge you to reject the application of Scout Energy to build wind turbines and solar panels along the Horse Heaven Hills.

We are very concerned with the size and scope of this project and what it will do to our vibrant agricultural surroundings. Placing wind turbines and solar panels in wheat fields, alfalfa fields, orchards, vineyards or any other thriving agricultural areas is counterproductive to our way of life. And the small amount of energy produced by these wind turbines and solar panels is of little or no consequence to our local region. This green energy production needs to be located closer to regions that actually need it. We do not have any carbon emission energy sources in our region so there is nothing to be gained by this project.

We strongly object to the manner in which Scout Energy has sidestepped input from the local community and filed necessary documents with EFSEC. Even though they are within the requirements of the law, their path reeks of disregard for our community. They are obviously in hot pursuit of the almighty dollar.

Erection of these wind turbines and solar panels will damage our countryside forever. As we look to address future energy needs of our region there are numerous alternatives to this project, all of which are more acceptable in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Larry and Kathi Christensen  
Richland, Washington

Sent from my iPad  
Larry Christensen

**From:** [Judy](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 6:59:14 PM  
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Public Comment #0166  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

## External Email

To Members of EFSEC Committee:

We live in the Tripple Vista area of Southeast Kennewick and have lived in the Tri-Cities since the late '70's. A few months ago we learned about Scout Clean Energy's plan to erect approximately 500-foot wind turbines on our all-encompassing view of the Horse Heaven Hills (HHH) to the south of us. This project is of significant concern to us, from both an environmental and property valuation standpoint. We want to protect, save and preserve our ridges in the Horse Heaven Hills and keep those gigantic turbines away from our skylines. The Horse Heaven Hills are some of the most beautiful hills in our state and we don't want our beautiful panoramic landscape ridges marred by a turbine wind farm. They are the home of bald eagles, golden eagles, burrowing owls, Canada geese, deer, and the recently re-introduced pronghorn antelope. Our well-known local photographer, John Clement, recently posted a beautiful photo of the antelope on his Facebook page (See Photo Below).

This project would destroy twenty-four miles from Finley to Benton City of naturally beautiful hilltops overlooking the Tri-Cities. The annoying noise and flashing red lights at night will be an irritation to what is normally quiet, peaceful evenings. The view of our spectacular sunsets will be spoiled by these wind turbines! This wind farm will reduce our home values and cause difficulties in selling our home due to these distracting, intrusive turbines. These gigantic turbines will injure and kill many migratory birds on their sky highway to the South such as sand hill cranes, Canadian geese, ducks, blue herons, snow geese (John Clement posted a picture of these on his web page too. See photo below), etc. Thousands of these birds fly over our homes in the fall and I and my neighbors have numerous pictures to prove it. If you want pictures, we will send them to you. I hear their delightful calls and watch them fly overhead while working in my yard. In the last few years, I've seen and heard eagles too; in fact, one of my neighbors took a picture of a Golden Eagle that had landed on a pole nearby and another neighbor had 3-4 young eagles in one of his trees! These turbines will injure, kill and devastate many predatory birds like bald eagles, hawks and owls. We don't know how other bird species in our area will be affected like pheasants, doves, chukars, quail, hummingbirds, warblers, wood peckers, finches, etc. We don't know how it will affect the antelope that have recently migrated to the Horse Heaven Hills and other animals that live there too.

This project will be damaging in numerous ways to our area. Our neighborhood plus many residents in other neighboring cities don't want these landscape-destroying projects connected to the electric grid for customers in far-away areas such as Los Angeles, Portland and Seattle. If they want the power, they can have these turbines in their area, not ours. We support the effort to build wind farms in remote areas far away from residential homes and offshore wind sites where they are not visible from land and are much closer to the population centers where the energy is needed. We moved to the country to enjoy the beauty, peace and quiet it provides and don't want it destroyed by ugly, noisy, irritating turbines that kill

the magnificent birds that use the sky highway above us as they migrate south. I recently read an article where there's an energy company that wants to breed endangered CA condors to replace birds killed by turbine blades. FYI, here's the link: <https://www.wind-watch.org/news/2021/03/01/energy-company-to-breed-endangered-california-condors-to-replace-birds-killed-by-turbine-blades/> I could send you lots of articles of the damaging effects of turbine wind farms!

And finally, why isn't Scout Clean Energy required to go through the same process the rest of the Benton County residents do when applying for a conditional use permit? Why are they allowed to bypass our county elected officials whose responsibility is to protect the best interests of the citizens they represent? Why is Scout Clean Energy allowed to bypass our elected officials so that someone on the opposite side of the state, who doesn't live in our community, make a life changing decision for our community which will not negatively affect his lifestyle one iota? Why doesn't Scout Clean Energy have to meet the required conditions for their conditional use permit? Is Scout Clean Energy's wind farm project compatible with others uses in the surrounding area? No, it would be incompatible with the neighborhoods right next to the wind farm! Will the wind farm and the material the turbines are made from endanger the health and welfare of the surrounding neighborhoods? Yes, the wind farm will endanger our health and welfare due to the noise, the toxic resin the turbines are made from and blinking lights that will cause sleepless nights, numerous health issues and mental distress. Will this wind project cause damage and danger on the existing roads? Yes, the added traffic will cause damage to roads and be a danger to bicyclists, school buses, joggers and residential traffic. Will this wind project size and height hinder or discourage the development of neighboring properties in the current zoning district? Yes, it will cause our property values to go down, it will be difficult to sell homes and discourage any new residential building and growth. These massive industrial sized turbines will be so overpowering that no one will want to live anywhere near them! It will remove the ability of using the best fertile soil of HHH for the development and expansion of vineyards and similar agricultural products. The HHH is a registered American Viticulture area (AVA). This turbine wind/solar project will adversely impact the designated use of the HHH. This turbine wind project is not consistent with current uses so the approval of this permit should be denied!

Thank you,

Gene & Judy Guse

104902 E Tripple Vista Dr

Kennewick, WA 99338

Horse Heaven Hills before and after simulation photo









**From:** [Christie McAloon](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Christie McAloon](#)  
**Subject:** No on Benton County Wind Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:53:11 PM

Public Comment #0167  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed Scout Clean Energy wind farm in Benton County. Not only do I oppose the wind farm, I oppose the manner in which Scout is bypassing local control and moving for approval of the wind farm at the state level. Our community will be ruined if this project is approved.

Respectfully,

Thank you,  
Christie McAloon

**From:** [Jim McAloon](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** No on Benton County Wind Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:53:56 PM

Public Comment #0168  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

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Respectfully,

Jim McAloon

**From:** [J LAW](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:39:35 AM

Public Comment #0169  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

EFSEC,

I do not support Scout Energies Wind Farm Project or proposal based on this attached Benton PUD Perspectives attached link on wind farms . This Benton PUD report should be included in any appendix if It has not already been included . There are Commissioners names and General Manager listed on the Benton PUD report which was a publicly obtained document and report from July 14,2020 to verify the authenticity .

Report link:

[https://www.bentonpud.org/getattachment/Safety-Education/Safety/Wind/Wind-Power-and-Clean-Energy-Policy-Perspectives-Report-Benton-PUD-FINAL-July-14-2020-\(1\).PDF.aspx?lang=en-US](https://www.bentonpud.org/getattachment/Safety-Education/Safety/Wind/Wind-Power-and-Clean-Energy-Policy-Perspectives-Report-Benton-PUD-FINAL-July-14-2020-(1).PDF.aspx?lang=en-US)

It does not appear that a majority of the people in Benton County currently support this project as well based on local comments according to different media platforms. People who live in the region are Washingtonians as well, and they should have a say to what happens in the region they live in. Please remand the vote ,or any vote on this project ,back to the people and citizens that represent the region the project affects. This would be the right thing and Democratic thing to do in this particular instance in my opinion to address this issue.

In my opinion, the EFSEC should strive to promote economic growth in Washington by not making Washingtonians pay for energy options that could raise people's rates, and also by not resorting to energy options that could affect the natural environment with towering structures close to a mid size metro area that is sprawling. This should be the standard in Washington now that some alternative energy options have already been met per the state laws.

I am also requesting that anyone who has any special interest or relationships ( close or distant) with this project ,or any companies involved will restrain themselves from placing any type of vote for or against this project and recuse themselves.

Thank you,

Mr J. Lawrence  
Kennewick, WA

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [allymenglish@gmail.com](mailto:allymenglish@gmail.com)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** horse heaven hills wind farm  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 4:44:18 AM

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Public Comment #0170  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

I am opposed to the horse heaven hills wind farm being proposed by Scout Clean Energy. We call upon EFSEC to reject SCE's permit application for this project. This project will forever alter the scenic views of our ridges, industrialize our rural environment, and change our outdoor quality of life.

Ally English

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Don Boos](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Tjurbines  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:12:32 AM

Public Comment #0171  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

I vote no for wind turbines. Do not mar our hills with inefficient machines. We need to develop nuclear power.

**From:** [John Fulton](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:33:54 AM

Public Comment #0172  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

I am opposed to the subject wind farm planned for the Kennewick WA area for several reasons.

1. There is currently no market or customer for the electricity to be generated by these machines.
2. The electricity generated is hugely expensive compared to our hydro and nuclear generated electricity.
3. Taxpayer funds are always used to support the construction and operation of these projects and it is not a good return on our money.
4. These wind machines are not environmentally friendly. They require significant use of resources to pour the foundations and to construct the blades and turbines, as well as the roads and power distribution infrastructure. They are harmful to wildlife.
5. They are aesthetically grotesque.
6. The power generated by these machines will eventually be shipped to the grid in California. If they need more power, build them there.
7. The underhanded move by Inslee to bypass local authority borders on a dictatorship. He should be ashamed of himself.

John Fulton  
509-222-8196  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [jfsdsoins@charter.net](mailto:jfsdsoins@charter.net)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 11:18:57 AM

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Public Comment #0173  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

To : EFSEC Committee

Please preserve the current status of the Horse Heaven Hills lands and views south of the Tri-Cities and **VOTE NO** on approval of the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm

Proposed by Scout Energy. Local residents believe this proposal will created a permanent Mechanical Ugliness to the area and harm the environment with

construction, noise, blinking red lights, harm to wildlife and birds, and limited mechanical lifetime of inefficient energy production requiring tax payer subsidies.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. and D. Sloan  
Richland, WA

**From:** [Sheilah Archibald](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Farm  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 11:21:50 AM

Public Comment #0174  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

To whom it may concern,

I'm totally against the new proposed windmills being planned for the Horse Heaven Hills. Ore communities are growing and moving further south. Not only is the beautiful view at stake but the birds that are killed each year is appalling. Normally I see flocks of robins in my neighborhood and this year, because of all the windmills surrounding our communities already, I have seen but ONE robin.

Please, please do not build this eyesore.

Sheilah Archibald  
Kennewick

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [bruce@rhinesinmotion.com](mailto:bruce@rhinesinmotion.com)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Haven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 11:35:40 AM

Public Comment #0175  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

While solar power in an attempt to develop carbon-free energy is admirable wind turbines are a terrible idea.

They absolutely spoil the aesthetic views but most importantly they kill thousands of raptors every year. While I live in Washington I own an alfalfa ranch in Oregon. In the last 15 years electricity rates have increased substantially to the point where I and many other family farmers are no longer competitive with our alfalfa. All caused by buying wind-generate electricity at uneconomic government mandated rates. It's a disaster and the costs far outweigh the benefits.

The US Forest Service estimates that wind turbines killed 140,000-500,000 raptors and 880,000 bats each year. Raptors have very small families typically hatching 2-3 eggs per year. Some of these raptors are on the endangered species act.

<https://www.eywind.es/2020/10/01/the-realities-of-bird-and-bat-deaths-by-wind-turbines/77477>

This site is well within the migratory range of golden eagles that nest on our property in Oregon. I urge the council to deny a permit for the industrial raptor choppers.....or the wind turbines. Solar power is much less invasive and much less harmful to wildlife. Wind power is uneconomic and reeks utter havoc on bird populations.

Sincerely,

Bruce C. Rhine  
Vancouver, WA  
541-408-5185



**From:** [Kahryn Campbell](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** HHH Wind Farm Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:37:52 PM

Public Comment #0176  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

### External Email

Good afternoon,

My name is Kahryn Campbell and I live on McBee Road in Benton City, which is also the home to my winery, Anelare. The McBee hillside has been my home for over 7 years and I've had my business for over 14. As the years have gone by, (I, along with my industry counterparts), are amazed at how many people are coming to this area to taste our wines and enjoy the incredible views of Washington wine country. I believe we are in one of the most sacred areas, Red Mountain and Horse Heaven Hills. I also open up my property for RV's to come stay through a company called Harvest Host. Cannot believe the amount of people that drive from all corners of the country to come stay... and their reviews of the area we call home makes me emotional (in a beautiful way). They are truly blown away. I take a lot of pride in educating people about this area and telling them why I love it. The hiking and biking community on McBee has grown substantially over the years! It is a tough trail where many train to complete climbs on our big mountains in the NW. I love sharing my home and property to the peaceful views, terrain, and agriculture we have been blessed with.

With all my heart, I oppose the HHH Wind Farm Project with Scout Clean Energy. I am all for creating jobs, purpose, and renewable energy... but there are other ways. Better ways, that make more sense. Please keep the preservation of our hillsides in mind. Cannot imagine folks sitting on Red Mountain and having to stare back at all the turbines, or enjoying a hike on McBee to get a glimpse of Adams and Rainier... while trying to zone out all pollution.

I have nothing but respect for your service and listening to the people. In the last handful of years (particularly 2020), I have never felt such an imbalance of power in our state. Checks and balances are why our country is so great. It cannot come down to the decision of one man anymore. Please help us get our voices heard.

P.S. Some pics attached of our culture out here and what people enjoy.

Thank you kindly,

**Kahryn Campbell**

Proprietor

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:43 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** On wind turbine plan, WA Gov. Inslee should listen to Tri-Cities | Wind Energy News

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Karen R.

**From:** [Bob Johnson](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition To Scout Clean Energy Windfarm Horse Heaven Hills  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 1:40:51 PM

Public Comment #0179  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

## External Email

Greetings: Please know I am writing this in opposition to the subject proposed windfarm. Thank you for taking the time to read this. My reasons for this opposition are listed below, some of which are excerpts (italicized) from an article in Forbes Magazine and the Tri-City Herald written by Jim Conka, whom is a longtime resident and scientist in the Tri-Cities, a trustee of the Herbert M. Parker Foundation, and a science contributor to Forbes.

I quote from the article:

*"The Pacific Northwest is a lousy place to build wind turbines for two very good reasons. The power will not displace any [fossil fuels](#) but will only displace [hydro](#), another [renewable](#). And wind in this region just doesn't produce much energy, only 30% of its total capacity.*

*The real problem is that Scout Clean Energy is building this wind farm in the wrong state.*

*[Tornado Alley](#) is the optimal place for wind turbines in the United States, pushing [capacity factors](#) to 50%, and has made wind the second largest generator of electricity in Kansas, South Dakota and Iowa, where they actually displace coal power.*

*The capacity factor is the percentage of the time a system is supplying its nameplate or installed capacity. The [nameplate capacity](#) times the capacity factor equals the actual output of the generating system.*

*According to the [Scout Clean Energy plan](#), the new farm's nameplate capacity will be 1,150 MW. Since the capacity factor for this wind farm is only 30%, the generation will actually be only 345 MW operationally. [Wind turbines in this area](#) have an average capacity factor of only 27%.*

*In comparison, the capacity factor for the [Columbia Generating Station](#), our local nuclear power plant, is 98%. With a nameplate capacity of 1,207 MW, it's producing about 1,180 MW continuously, over 3 times that of the similarly-sized proposed wind farm.*

*Scout Clean Energy claims that this wind farm will offset 3.5 million tons of CO2, but that's not true either. There is little fossil fuel in Washington State, which is 70% hydro, 8% nuclear, 13% renewables (mostly wind), 5% gas and 4% coal, the latter from a single coal plant scheduled to be retired in 2025.*

*This new Scout Clean Energy wind power will only displace hydro, another renewable, thus having no effect on carbon emissions, no matter where the energy ends up. We know this because it's what happens all the time in this state. Just look at weekly electrical load maps from the [Bonneville Power Administration](#), who is the main system operator in the Pacific Northwest.*



*The grid must be closely balanced between load, or power draw off the grid, and the power coming onto the grid from all energy sources. Hydro is used almost exclusively to load-follow and balance the grid. When load goes down, or more energy comes onto the grid like wind, hydro drops. When load goes up or wind dies away, hydro increases.*

*This wind farm will have no effect on climate change or carbon emissions, will not replace fossil fuel at all, will mar the beautiful vistas of this area, and provide a trivial number of temp construction jobs. But it will make Olympia feel good.*

*And it definitely will make someone out of state a lot of money”.*

If Governor Inslee wants this power for his comrades in Western Washington, Oregon or California, then locate this project in one of those areas where it is needed and wanted. We don't need it here, nor do we want it.

In addition to the above, I submit the following as additional reasons for not building this project in our area: I have lived in the Tri-Cities for 49 years, spending 36 of those years developing residential communities, including the building of over 250 homes, and developing/owning many commercial projects. In all of this development, I had to conform with consistent land use policies which were essential and beneficial for the community, and with which I agree. The windfarm's location is in an agriculture area. Please know we are a registered American Viticulture Area (AVA) in these Horse Heaven Hills. The highest and best use of the proposed windfarm area should be consistent with the vineyards and wineries already utilizing the unique soil qualities. The wind/solar project would in fact adversely impact this designated use! This impact would damage property values and prohibit the development of jobs in numbers larger than the reported 1,000 mostly temporary jobs it is said it will create. Washington State, aided in large part by the area from Yakima to Walla Walla in which this project would be located in the middle, has been put on the map as one of the best wine producing areas in the world; adding 6,000 acres of solar panels and the windmills would take away this prime real estate of south facing hillside from future vineyard expansion dependent of our special soil. This hard earned designation would be heavily damaged regarding tourism.

Benton PUD has taken a position of opposition to this windfarm, including stating the existing 9 canyon wind turbines should not be expanded. They have pointed out that the demand for power in this region and other regions are in the summer and winter which is when the wind blows the least here.

This so called green energy resolution project requires mass spending with a poor return on investment; maybe making a few (possibly uneducated without the facts/truth) “feel good” if it is allowed, but should not happen at the expense on the MANY who oppose this project based on facts, and have to live with it visually and economically for a very long time.

In essence, the large majority of people who live here and have invested their lives and livelihoods here do not want this project, and do not want the decision to be made against us by people who don't live here. Please let us control our own area and the quality of our lives, and we won't try to control yours. Return the decision to allow or reject this project to the local Benton County authorities whose job it is to make these types of decisions.

Respectfully,

Robert A. Johnson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



**From:** [Susan Waldo](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** EFSEC Committee HHH Wind Farm  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 1:59:18 PM

Public Comment #0180  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am AGAINST the proposed HHH Wind Farm! I am a Realtor & homeowner, & I believe it will negatively impact home values. As well as issues with health, environment (migratory bird kill) habitat & environment of the Horse Heaven Hills, plus a multitude of other issues/concerns. I do not feel, it is in the best interest, for the residents of our Tri Cities & community.

I ask & encourage you, to vote against the HHH Wind Farm.

Thank you,  
Susan Waldo

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [chris barnes](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** HORSE HEAVEN WIND FARM  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:13:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [Dear Benton Co - NO MORE WIND FARMS.docx](#)

Public Comment #0181  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

## External Email

Gentlemen & Board Members:

I submitted a brief letter (attached) to my Benton County Commissioners as soon as I found out that Scout Clean Energy was proposing to build a gargantuan wind farm south of Kennewick in the surrounding hills and drylands wheat fields that define our community.

I was gravely concerned, and remain so, that our Benton County Commissioners were intentionally bypassed in the decision making process concerning the construction of this mother-of-all wind farm facilities. Scout Clean Energy's decision to submit their proposal directly to EFSEC was strategic and intentionally avoids public scrutiny from those who will be most affected by the construction of their wind farm. Our local community is overwhelmingly NOT IN FAVOR of this wind farm. It will permanently scar and cast red-blinking blight on our southern landscape and change the very character of our beautiful Ice Age floodscape region. We know full well that this foreign-owned entity has no (zero) interest in providing benefit to our community from alternative energy sources. Scout Clean Energy's business model is purely one of global profit - securing billions through practiced finesse in capitalizing on federal tax credits and selling them to 'energy' investors while the US federal tax credit system lasts.

Please ask yourself, at what price would you put 300-500 massive and towering wind turbines anywhere near our beloved Mt. Rainier? Australian-owned Scout Clean Energy does not give a fig about the people who live in Benton County or what we think is a beautiful desert shrub steppe landscape. We have been targeted precisely because we have no political clout. And yet we are the very people who have suffered the most from Federal indignities like the snail's pace cleanup at the Hanford Nuclear Waste Site. We have struggled to build a vibrant community and create a destination wine country with tourist appeal - and we have done this despite the continued neglect we have received from the Department of Energy and Washington State's own environmental cleanup agencies. For your committee to throw our Horse Heaven Hills under the bus of a gargantuan wind turbine/energy tax exchange scheme to make some foreign company even richer - would truly be the final insult.

Please hear our voices. Please recognize that Scout Clean Energy has perfected a strategy of duping rural communities with no political clout into a long term loss of their precious natural resources in exchange for a short-term promise of minuscule property tax kickbacks.

Finally, Scout Clean Energy's 600 page tome of a proposal is a near duplicate to their Texas proposals. They are playing the same game over again and again. Please show your southeastern Washington citizens some respect. Please soundly reject this Garantua of a wind farm and send these guys packing back to Australia or back to Texas. Let them lift their Aussie legs in someone else's backyard - not in Washington's.

Sincerely,  
Christine Barnes  
Kennewick taxpayer for over 45 years

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Dear Benton Co. Commissioners:

SCOUT CLEAN ENERGY is **FOREIGN OWNED**. (Australian)

They have ZERO interest in 'SAVING OUR PLANET' through green energy production or reducing energy cost in eastern Washington. They are driven by greed and racing to harvest energy tax subsidies before they end.

SCOUT's only interest is in making 'BILLIONS' by selling wind energy 'TAX CREDITS' to investors. Those investors, in turn, fund the entire construction of 'SCOUT' WIND FARMS. SCOUT proudly calls this 'Tax Equity Financing'. (Check out their track record in Texas where SCOUT builds these debacle wind farms by the handful until they run out of land). They just finished one this summer in McCulloch County, TX. ('HTX') – Heart of Texas.

In 2016 the federal government began subsidizing renewable energy projects through tax credits and super-accelerated write-offs. The BIGGEST credits and write-offs were in WIND. The **US government created the TROUGH** and foreign companies jumped in to lap it up and get very wealthy by trading investment tax credits and reaping production tax credits.

The tax credit **TROUGH is scheduled to dry up in 2022** – so guess who is PUSHING HARD to get those WIND FARMS built right NOW?!? Even if they have to skip over the County officials and go right to the tree-hugging Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

This company is slick. They have perfected 'SCOUTING' for rural, ill-informed agri-based communities, with farmers eager for more handouts, and compliant city officials willing to scar the face of the local landscape for generations in return for immediate property tax payouts. McCulloch County, TX sold their soul for \$36 million for a mere 180 MW. Seems like SCOUT is selling Benton County a bit short with \$20M.

**SEND THESE GUYS BACK TO TEXAS or Australia.** And each one of you – please go buy a **John Clement Calendar**, lest you forget what a beautiful place we are privileged to call home.

Most sincerely, Chris Barnes (tax payer for over 47 years – Kennewick)



**From:** [Kathy](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Scout Clean Energy-Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 3:03:34 PM

Public Comment #0182  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

## External Email

March 24, 2021

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council:

Re: Scout Clean Energy Horse Heaven Wind Farm

Please do not overlook the adverse impacts of the proposed Horse Heaven Wind Project on the local environment in the Horse Heaven Hills of Benton County, Washington for the threatened Ferruginous hawk.

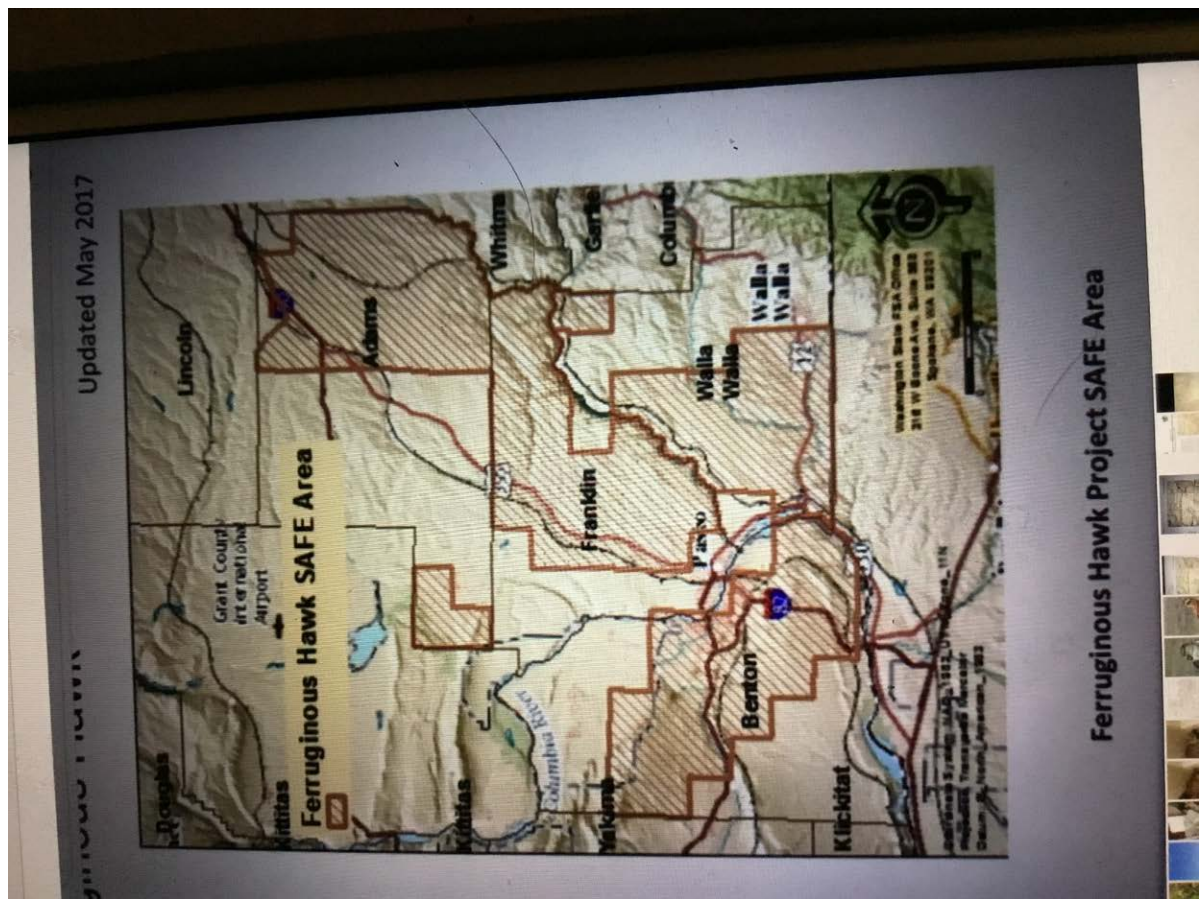
We own 500 acres currently enrolled in the US Department of Agriculture's SAFE (State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement) program, specifically for the threatened Ferruginous hawk program. (The Ferruginous hawk is now being considered for listing as endangered). Our land is within a few miles of the proposed wind farm.

Here is my reason for concern:

The Washington State Fish and wildlife Service conducted a survey in 2017 of Ferruginous hawk nesting sites in Benton County. The following is a copy of that survey and an abstract of the report. If you compare the wind farm proposed sites to the WDFW hawk map you see right away that the wind farm will be situated right in the hawk habitat.

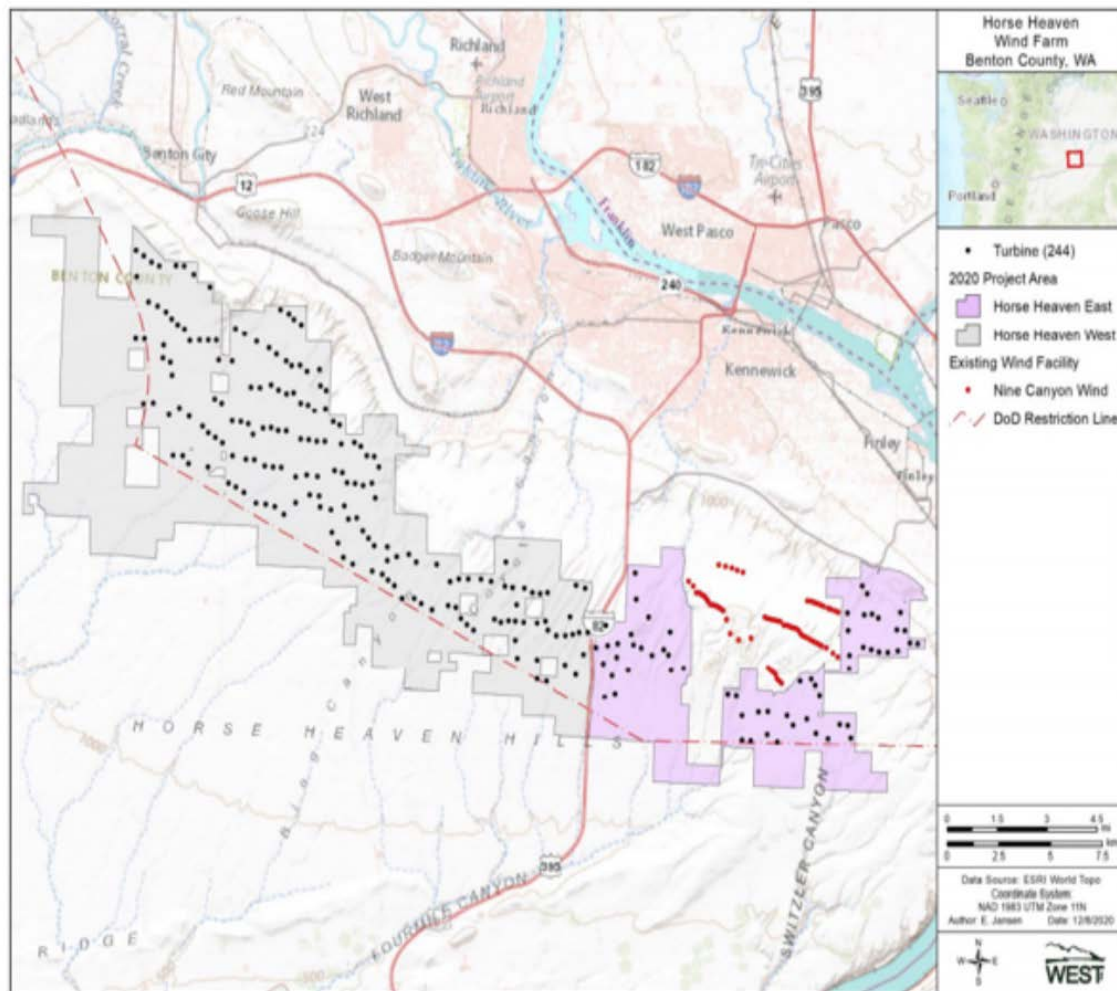
The following map and report is from the [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov) website. It's easy to see that the wind farm will be directly in the same ridges designated as prime Ferruginous hawk habitat.

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“Scout’s map to EFSEC in their permit application shows the proposed locations of the wind turbines. It shows up to 6 rows of the 650 foot turbines on the ridges from Finley to Benton City.”





**Figure 3. Proposed Turbine layout within the Horse Heaven Wind Farm in Benton County, Washington.**

Overlay Scout's map with the WDFW map and you can see the problem for the hawk habitat.

In addition if you are not familiar with the Ferruginous hawk SAFE program the following is an overview for your information.

"The Ferruginous Hawk SAFE is a new initiative of the familiar Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Like traditional CRP, SAFE is a voluntary program that pays eligible landowners and operators to address priority natural resource concerns. Unlike traditional CRP, SAFE sign-up is non-competitive and offers more financial benefits. Landowners, including those with previous CRP, in Adams, Benton, Franklin and Walla Walla counties may be eligible to participate in this initiative. The ferruginous hawk is the largest hawk species in North America and is reliant on shrub-steppe habitat for both nesting and foraging. Due primarily to habitat loss, ferruginous hawk populations are declining. They are a species of federal special concern and are threatened in Washington. Ferruginous hawks primarily forage in territory around their nesting sites. Hawks are also sensitive to disturbance near the nest. Therefore, land enrolled in SAFE must be near potentially active nests and planted to grass, broadleaf forbs and shrubs that provide quality wildlife habitat."

Updated May 2017

The population size of ferruginous hawks in Washington is low. This species is impacted by the loss and fragmentation of shrubsteppe and grasslands from agriculture and residential development and associated declines in distribution and abundance of its primary prey, jackrabbits and ground squirrels. Direct sources of mortality include illegal shooting, electrocution from powerlines, and collision with wind turbines.

#### Ecology and life

This species arrives on its breeding areas from late April through July.

#### Geographic range

Washington state is on the northwestern edge of the species' breeding range. Over 200 territories have been documented in Washington, with Franklin and Benton counties together hosting about 60 percent. Grant, Walla Walla, Adams, and Yakima counties have had 13 or more territories each. In 2002, only 20 percent of historical ferruginous hawk nesting territories in Washington were occupied, with many vacant for years. The current population size is unknown, but likely is very small. The map illustrates potential range and habitat distribution of this species in Washington.”

The reality is that this proposed wind farm may have unforeseen negative consequences for the hawk and environmentally sensitive areas the hawk needs to be able to hunt and nest in. I’m so disappointed that all the work we have done on our land to help restore the hawk habitat may be all for naught if you decide to allow this wind farm to be built as planned.

In addition there is currently NO MEANINGFULLY COMPENSATION nor any real mitigation efforts for any negative effects suffered from this super sized wind farm for the hawk or its habitat that I could find in the SEPA.

This is what I found in Scout’s Draft Habitat Mitigation Plan Horse Heaven Wind Farm, Benton County, Washington

Prepared for:  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC  
Prepared by:  
Tetra Tech  
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#### “Avian Use and Raptor Nest Surveys”

“WDFW noted set back recommendations that may be appropriate during construction during the nesting/fledging season for the ferruginous hawk (*Buteo regalis*) nest observed near the Project that was occupied all 3 years it was surveyed (2017-2019)”

“During construction, WDFW-recommended seasonal buffers (per Larsen et al. 2004) for ferruginous hawk nests would be observed to avoid disturbing nesting ferruginous hawks.”

Pathetically inadequate.

Here’s a better idea. The hawks migrate to their breeding grounds in Benton County from late April to July. The windmills could be shut down during this time period to protect the air space for the hawks and fledglings. I believe the summer is not a peak time for energy



demand as well. Scout's solar farm could make up any difference in energy production. Please consider this idea for the hawks.

And finally, can you really call this project "Green Energy" when the outcome will be to install these wind machines right in the very ridges that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has designated as some of the last remaining viable habitat areas for the threatened hawk and the SAFE program in Benton County. Can you really call this project "green energy" when the windmill blades may cause lethal strikes on the few remaining threatened Ferruginous hawks in Benton County?

Please do not approve this industrial sized wind farm as it is planned. Please choose to protect the hawk by protecting the air space surrounding the Horse Heaven Hill ridges for the hawks during their breeding season in Benton County, Washington. You have the option to either send the hawk down the road into extinction or to do the moral thing and deny the wind farm application as it is presented and protect a magnificent creature.

The Ferruginous hawks in Benton County should not be sacrificed for this wind farm for profit or for Washington State's green energy goals. There needs to be a genuine and dedicated commitment from Scout to protect the hawks rather than offer up a few lines in the SEPA "suggesting" a few "mitigation options" for the hawks.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Knutson  
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**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills windmills  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 3:13:03 PM

Public Comment #0183  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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### External Email

I recently returned home from a trip to western Oregon. As I passed through the area between Biggs Junction and Arlington I observed hundreds of windmills along the tops of nearly every ridge. Since I live in Benton City, WA, I couldn't help but notice how distracting this would be to anyone who enjoys the natural scenery of the eastern side of both Oregon and Washington. With my mind on the distractions these white windmills caused, I began to observe other obstacles along the horizon, i.e. cell phone towers, metal and wooden electrical poles, cement light posts, etc.. and began to wonder why they don't pose the same amount of distaste as the windmills. My conclusion is that because the windmills are white they draw the eye to them immediately. Now with the amount of technology available in today's world, surely the company that manufactures the windmills can come up a product that blends in better with the natural surroundings, such as a dark gray or dark tan. Perhaps we can then begin to overlook them with time, or at least not find them so offensive..

Janet Becker  
Benton City, WA



**From:** [columbia.georesources](#)  
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**Subject:** Comments for EFSEC Docket No. EF-210011 Scout Clean Energy – Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project March 30, 2021  
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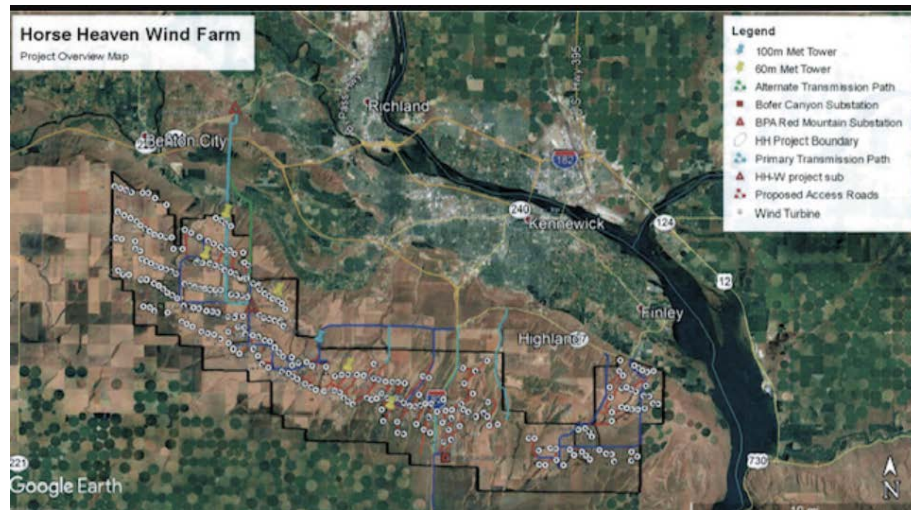
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Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

Attached are my comments for your response and public record.

Thank you,  
G. Cummins

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) /State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Action Request  
Scout Clean Energy - Horse Heaven Windmill Farms March 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Recommendation to require a SEPA Environmental Impact Statement  
EFSEC Docket No. EF-210011 Scout Clean Energy – Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project

ATTENTION: Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Council Members and SEPA Decision Makers

This is a request for you to reject an Application for Site Certification (ASC) Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) under SEPA, for the 6900- acre, 27-mile-long proposed wind turbine farm along the top of the Horse Heaven Hills Ridge adjacent to the Tri-Cities in Benton County. The 244 (500 ft. tall) wind turbines will lie within a Project Lease Boundary of 72,428 acres that contains the Project's Wind Energy Micrositing Corridor (i.e., the area in which the Turbines and supporting facilities would be sited during the final design) and the Solar Siting Areas (which consist of the three areas under consideration for siting of the proposed solar arrays during the final design).

Note that objections to this project are bi-partisan in nature. Both democrats and republicans in the Tri-Cities and surrounding area believe the EFSEC ASC and ensuing expedited response action is an attempt by out-of-state Scout Clean Energy and their associated corporate investors to circumvent the NEPA/SEPA cumulative impacts analysis and regulatory process required of all other energy producing entities constructing new sites in this state. For any other energy related project of this scope, magnitude, impact and potential for segmentation, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be required under NEPA or SEPA.

Scout and its supporters cannot uphold their assertion that 61% of the public is in favor of the project, when 80% of public meeting respondents in Benton County opposed the project. The Applicant is attempting to buy off and mislead public opinion with promises of cheap renewable energy, jobs, and property tax benefits. This sales tactic does not work in the Tri-Cities and surrounding area for the following reasons:

1. The Tri-Cities and Washington State ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for lowest energy costs. It doesn't get cheaper than what we currently produce, especially in this region.
2. The Tri-Cities has hydroelectric, solar, natural gas, nuclear power, wind energy available from nearby existing wind farms if needed. In 2017 Washington ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation for clean energy production at 80% including hydroelectric power.
3. Benton County has met or exceeded federal and state mandates for renewable energy and has the largest population in the state of scientists and engineers in residence. Some are working on small modular reactors (SMRs) which have the potential for much less environmental impact.
4. The justification of need does not exist in Benton County or the Columbia Basin.

Placing wind turbines on every available ridgetop in central and eastern Washington not only degrades the scenic vistas our state is lauded for, but also creates more long-term problems than it solves in (1) power overgeneration (2) oversupply storage concerns (3) hazardous waste disposal costs (the blades are not recyclable and made of hazardous materials), and (4) eventual cumulative remediation costs of projects within the 72, 428 acre Project Lease Boundary including the 6900 acres land, solar, and wind turbines to be paid for by taxpayers long after the developers leave the project.

The NEPA process is intended to be a comprehensive project planning tool to review the needs of society against all available alternatives and their environmental, social, cultural, historical and financial impacts. When NEPA or SEPA is used in conjunction with the *Washington State Utility Resource Planning Report* for its intended purpose, then the state should be able to achieve its most transparent, cost effective, and efficient energy production program. This ASC application process appears to put more weight on the financial benefits of a contrived, supposed eco-friendly, mega project, in support of land owners and wealthy investors, and less weight on the long-term negative impacts to the residents of Benton County and Washington State.

In addition, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife has identified endangered, threatened, and sensitive bird species, that fly their migratory pathways over the Horse Heaven Hills and the Tri-Cities to nest and forage in the Columbia, Snake, and Yakima river valleys, to and from Canada. Migratory birds (e.g. sandhill crane, ferruginous hawk, bald eagle, American white pelican) are protected under the Migratory Bird Act. A 27-mile wall, 5 rows deep, of wind turbines along their flyway and foraging grounds could significantly result in a reduction of these protected species.

The Columbia Basin area is known for its wind, but also for the number of sun-filled days. It would seem a solar farm or other renewable, in lieu of a wind farm in this area would be better source suited for providing the desired jobs and tax benefits while protecting endangered species flyways and providing the renewable clean energy you seek to deploy. However, by not conducting an environmental impact statement, it is not known by the residents of Benton County, the Tri-Cities, or the State of Washington, which clean energy alternative (e.g. solar, additional wind, geothermal, upgraded or modified hydroelectric, small modular reactors (SMRs) etc.) would provide the most beneficial source of renewable energy.

Lastly, the proposed project lies within the viewshed and scenic vistas of valley wineries, large Tri-Cities residential and developing real estate communities, and Native American tribal vistas. Having 244 wind turbines at a height of 500 feet (equivalent to a 33-story building) along a 27-mile ridge, will clearly have a significant visual impact on these entities. Visual Impact Assessments (VIA) are required by other state infrastructure departments. A VIA provides decision makers with information on both the positive and negative visual quality impacts to tourism and real estate development that may result from a proposed project. Would solar or an "other" renewable alternative with a low visual footprint be a better option?

Attached is a list of NEPA/SEPA related questions for you to consider. Based on the scope, magnitude, and potential for significant environmental impacts as presented herein, it is requested that you and your EFSEC decision makers, reject an ACS SEPA determination of non-significance (DNS). Instead of signing a Site Certification Agreement (SCA), require a SEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) be prepared for the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm Project and associated facilities being planned within the 72,428-acre Project Lease Boundary. A final EIS decision would provide the most transparent, cumulative impacts analysis, and comprehensive approach to clean energy grid planning in the Columbia Basin and the State of Washington.

Respectfully,  
G. Cummins  
Kennewick, Washington



## ATTACHMENT 1

### Comments for Proposed Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project EFSEC Virtual Public Informational Meeting and Land Use Consistency Hearing March 30, 2021 5 PM

#### State Environmental Policy Act Questions

1. Although the Applicant elected to be sited under EFSEC jurisdiction, does the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm Project expedited Application for Site Certification (ASC) process exceed the authority and provisions of Chapter 80.50 RCW? Wind is defined as an “Alternative energy resource” and considered an energy facility type according to 80.50.020 (1)(a). If a wind farm is defined as an energy facility type, and an “Energy facility” means it is an “energy plant” according to 80.50.020 (11) , and “Construction” is defined as on-site improvements according to 80.50.020(7); Then, how does “new construction” of a 27 mile, 6900 acre wind farm/energy plant with a Project Lease Boundary of 72,428 acres that contains the Project’s Wind Energy Micrositing Corridor (Micrositing Corridor; i.e., the area in which the Turbines and supporting facilities would be sited during the final design) and the Solar Siting Areas (which consist of the three areas under consideration for siting of the proposed solar arrays during the final design) apply to the provisions of Chapter 80.50 RCW?
2. The proposed project appears to lie within the Lesser Pacific Flyway for Sandhill Cranes. What is the environmental impact to endangered bird species such as the sandhill crane? What is the estimated “take” of cranes and the impact to their staging, foraging and nesting habitat within the Project Lease Boundary? The Habitat Mitigation Plan for this project only addresses the 6900 acre portion of the total planned project lease area. It should address the cumulative impacts to endangered species for the total Project Lease Boundary Area along with Cultural and Historical impacts for consistency with NEPA/SEPA regulations to avoid segmentation issues.
3. The proposed project lies within the viewshed and scenic vistas of valley wineries, West Richland and Tri-Cities residential neighborhoods and new real estate development communities, and Rattlesnake Mountain tribal vistas. Was a Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) prepared to provide decision makers with information on both the positive and negative visual quality impacts to tourism and real estate development that may result from this project?
4. Was an engineering feasibility study conducted comparing alternative “other” renewable energy options such as geothermal, nuclear, upgrades to existing hydro, and solar in lieu of this particular proposed wind project? Also, has an assessment been done comparing the environmental impacts of alternative sources to this project?
5. According to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources document *Geothermal Favorability Model of Washington State 2014*, south central Washington near Roosevelt, has a relatively high geothermal resource potential, due in part, to proximity to transmission lines and low elevation. A plant in California produces 1.5 gigawatts of energy that can heat 700,000 homes within a much smaller footprint and fewer adverse impacts. Shouldn’t this resource option be considered in lieu of a massive wind farm?
6. What are the cumulative impacts of this project including the activities planned for the 72,428 lease acres? Segmentation of the total project plan is not compliant with State Environmental Policy Act provisions.
7. Were Emerging Technologies considered as renewable energy alternatives such as Small Modular Reactors, new geothermal technologies and bladeless wind turbines?
8. The wind turbine blades are not currently recycled. The hazardous waste generated from wind turbine blades requires massive storage and landfill/burial ground disposal space. What will be the environmental and economic cost of this project for blade and turbine disposal?

9. Who is going to pay the bill for cleanup and disposal at a hazardous waste landfill of over 244 wind turbine blades, each 150 feet long of epoxy fibre and carbon fibre at approximately 12,786 lbs. for a total of 732 blades for 9.359 million pounds of hazardous waste to be stored or placed in a landfill?
10. Who will pay for 27 miles of wind turbine removal and of land reclamation in 25-30 years? Our children? Benton County taxpayers? Does Benton County need another superfund site to manage?
11. What is the justification of need? Washington State ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country for lowest electricity cost and in 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country for renewable energy production at 80%. We have met or exceeded all renewable energy government mandates. The Benton County PUD issued a position paper in July that it will no longer connect wind power to its grid; the unpredictable electricity generation forces the PUD to have equivalent backup power generation and storage which is costly. Is there truly a need for this project? Or is this an out of state (Colorado) power brokerage company and land investor creating a business opportunity for themselves, which is not needed where there are hydroelectric dams, nuclear energy, solar energy and potential geothermal energy available? Where is the transparency of the investors benefiting from this project?
12. What is the exact number of estimated permanent jobs on this project? The numerous jobs the project presents is temporary. In Benton County, at our hydro-electric plants, at Energy Northwest, and at the Hanford Site there are more union and non-union jobs that are low-carbon footprint generating facilities that are available and more permanent. Why do we need this project?
13. Is Scout planning to sell emission credits from this project to coal plants outside the State of Washington?
14. What are the anticipated cumulative noise levels (244 turbine engines potentially equivalent to 244 car motors) and lighting (244 beacon lights and operating lights) impacts to residents adjacent to the project area and to Finley, Tri-Cities, and Benton City businesses and residents?
15. *Washington State Utility Resource Planning Report 2018*- Tables 1 and 2 indicate a reduction in wind power demand from 2017 to 2022 and 2027. According to the Planning Report, Table 1 *Washington State Projected Requirements and Resources, Annual Energy, aMW*, the 5 and 10 year forecasts from a 2017 base year to 2027 indicate a reduction in required wind power from 502 to 534 to 465 aMW. If the demand for wind power is reducing over the next 5-10 years what is the need for this project? Note Tables 1 and 2 show an increase in "other renewables" in the 2017-2027 forecast. If "other renewables" are increasing and "wind" is decreasing in these forecasts why do we need this project?
16. How are Public Utility concerns regarding overgeneration addressed in the project application? Northwest Public Utility Districts have had continuous concerns during spring months in the Northwest, when hydroelectric resources produce significant amounts of energy from spring run-off. At the same time, windy spring conditions result in large quantities of wind energy available at the same time when demands for electricity are low. This results in oversupply and power storage capacity problem for utility districts. Will Benton PUD be subject to BPA's Oversupply Management Protocol and have to pay the oversupply rate assessed by BPA during peak wind and hydroelectric flow and low demand which would increase costs to Benton County and Tri-Cities consumers?

**From:** [Monte LaDow](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose the proposed Wind Farms  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 6:55:04 PM

Public Comment #0185  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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External Email

I just want you all to know that I do OPPOSE the building of wind farms (turbines) south of Kennewick. Also, I think the way this company went about making their proposal, that is, going around the local governmental entities and going straight to the State of Washington is reprehensible! Just goes to show the kind of people they are, not beginning with the County nor City even having an open forum months ago when in the planning stages.

Disgusting!

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**From:** [Tim Lamberson](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** No to Proposed Scout Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 9:01:18 PM

Public Comment #0186  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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I've been a resident of the Tri-Cities for my entire life other than when attending WSU (70 years).

One of the main attractions of the Tri-Cities and eastern Washington is the wide-open spaces and the ability to enjoy the outdoors in our beautiful area. The thought of lining the horizons of our countryside with these tall, unattractive turbines is unsettling to anyone that currently enjoys outdoor activities in the area.

Another factor that makes the area attractive to business and industry is the very **reliable and affordable, renewable power** that is available from our hydro-electric and nuclear power plant (WNP-2). It makes no sense to bring in wind and solar power to this area without a local customer base that needs this power. Wind and solar power has a much lower capacity factor than our existing grid suppliers, and introducing this less reliable, more expensive power to our grid will only increase the cost of power to the entire population, and cause a loss of potential business development that the state and local governments rely on for our economic growth.

The Governor of our state should allow the people of eastern Washington, who are most affected by this project, to make the decisions that affect their well-being.

Tim Lamberson  
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**From:** [Melinda Yunker](#)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Against Horse Heaven Wind Project  
**Date:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 8:02:06 AM

Public Comment #0187  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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Hi. I am against the Horse Heaven Wind Project. I think the Tricities area would be more beneficial for utilizing nuclear power over wind power. We have a great location for nuclear power plants. The wind turbines are also ugly, contribute to landfills, and create noise pollution while also decreasing home values. I think we can come up with a better solution than polluting our land with eye sores.

Please consider another form of energy production and save the beauty of our land. Thank you, Melinda Yunker

**From:** [Owens, Joan \(UTC\)](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: wind farm  
**Date:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:06:00 AM

Public Comment #0188  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

Thanks,  
*~Joan Owens*

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**From:** Ryan Renslow <[rrenslow@gmail.com](mailto:rrenslow@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:04 AM  
**To:** Owens, Joan (UTC) <[joan.owens@utc.wa.gov](mailto:joan.owens@utc.wa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: wind farm

### External Email

Hi Joan,

I want to express my support for the proposed Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm. Build the wind farm! There are flyers going around asking folks to sign a petition against the wind farm. But I cannot find a petition in support of the wind farm. So I wanted to email you.

We want progress in our town and county, and the wind farm is a great addition. It will not spoil the skyline. It will enhance the skyline! The wine industry will be bolstered by this, because the younger generation see clean energy as the way forward.

How can people fight this silly petition, and how can we support the building of the wind farm?

Cheers,  
Ryan Renslow



**From:** [kmbrun@gmail.com](mailto:kmbrun@gmail.com)  
**To:** [EESEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm  
**Date:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 1:09:27 PM

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Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

### External Email

I am writing this email to express my opposition to the Scout Clean Energy proposed Horse Heaven Hills wind farm for the following reasons:

1. The power provided by the turbines will only displace hydro power, another renewable, not any fossil fuels, and will have no effect on carbon emissions. The claimed offset of 3.5 million tons of CO2 is totally inaccurate since Washington State currently has just one coal-fire plant producing 4% of the state's energy needs and that plant is scheduled to be decommissioned in 2025.
2. Given that the wind only blows with any significant force 80 days a year in this area, the turbines will sit idle for 79% of the year which seems a poor return on investment. The capacity factor will only be 27% of the purported 1150 MW.
3. The Horse Heaven Hills is a registered American Viticulture Area and, therefore, best use should be consistent with the vineyards already using the unique soil qualities. This project will adversely impact this designated use.
4. The urban growth area has not been addressed by Scout Clean Energy at all. The only expansion Kennewick can make is to the south and west – exactly where these monstrosities are going to be.
5. The impact on tourism will be huge. The pristine hills viewed by so many wineries will be destroyed forever. Not many will want to sip a glass of wine and look at them.
6. None of the Benton County Commissioners, the Franklin and Benton County Public Utility Districts, nor the 1250 signatures we've gathered over the last 30 days are in favor of this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Brun  
Kennewick, WA

**From:** [Owens, Joan \(UTC\)](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tetra Tech Lawsuit (Falsified Soil Samples)  
**Date:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 1:43:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

Public Comment #0190  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

Thanks,

*~Joan Owens*

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 12:54 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Tetra Tech Lawsuit (Falsified Soil Samples)

Joan,

Can you please file with comments received for the project?

Best Wishes,

Amí Kidder

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**Subject:** Tetra Tech Lawsuit (Falsified Soil Samples)

## External Email

EFSEC Chair,

I respectfully ask that all documents provided by Tetra Tech concerning the Horse Heaven Wind Farm be disallowed. Tetra Tech is currently embroiled in a massive lawsuit with the Federal Government involving falsified soil samples. We have no way of knowing if Tetra Tech has also submitted false documentation for the Horse Heaven Wind Farm. We ask that the state require Scout Clean Energy, to pay for the state to conduct new studies. Please review the attached link to review the details of the lawsuit.

<https://www.courthousenews.com/developer-sues-tetra-tech-and-feds-over-hunters-point-project/>

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<http://save-our-ridges.org/>

<https://www.gopetition.com/petitions/just-say-no-to-the-horse-heaven-wind-farm.html>

<https://www.efsec.wa.gov/>



**This is a picture of what our view to the South will look like if the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm is approved by the state. Is this what we want for the Tri-Cities and our Horse Heaven Hills?**



**From:** [Brittney Strebel](#)  
**To:** [DOR Benton County Leg Authority: EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Horse Haven Hills Wind Farm  
**Date:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:03:15 PM

Public Comment #0191  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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### External Email

March 25, 2021

I strongly oppose the Horse Haven Hills Wind Farm in Tri-Cities. The power will not displace any fossil fuels but will only displace hydro, another renewable. Wind in the Tri-Cities region does not produce much energy, only 30% of its total capacity. The windmills would kill migratory Pacific birds in the great Northwest Flyway zone. It would also destroy the beauty of our golden hills. Please listen to the local people and put the windmills in an area where the people want and need them and that is definitely not Tri-Cities.

Thank you,

Brittney Strebel  
Resident of Kennewick

**From:** [Craig Brown](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Will.McKay@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:Will.McKay@co.benton.wa.us); [adavidmaughan](#)  
**Subject:** COMMENTS For EFSEC Meeting on Horse Heaven Wind Project (30MAR21)  
**Date:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:43:29 PM  
**Attachments:** [EFSEC SUBMITTAL Horse Heaven WIND FARM Comments Rev0 25 MAR21.docx](#)

Public Comment #0192  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

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EFSEC  
State of Washington

Ladies/Gentlemen,  
Being unable to attend the subject meeting, ATTACHED below are my comments for the record for the proposed HORSE HEAVEN WIND FARM public meeting scheduled for Tues., MARCH 30, 2021.

It includes,

1. Summary (1 page),
2. ATTACHMENT 1 (2-pages) with more information on each point which was written in May 2020 in response to Scout Clean Energy's original proposal for a wind farm only. I did not update this but the information in it still applies.
- 3 ATTACHMENT 2 (1 page) My letter-to-the-editor relevant to the topic.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Craig Brown  
70 year resident of Benton County

**From:** [Amber Hatcher](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** : EFSEC Committee HHH Wind Farm  
**Date:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:56:35 PM

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From Amber Hatcher amber\_adair@yahoo.com  
**Date:** March 24, 2021 at 1:59:11 PM PDT  
**To:** efsec@utc.wa.gov  
**Subject: EFSEC Committee HHH Wind Farm**

To Whom It May Concern,

I am AGAINST the proposed HHH Wind Farm! I am a concerned homeowner, & I believe it will negatively impact home values. As well as issues with health, environment (migratory bird kill) habitat & environment of the Horse Heaven Hills, plus a multitude of other issues/concerns. I do not feel, it is in the best interest, for the residents of our Tri Cities & community.  
I ask & encourage you, to vote NO for the HHH Wind Farm.

Thank you,  
Amber Hatcher

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Kathryn sheldon](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(UTC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven WindFarm proposal  
**Date:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 3:14:39 PM

Public Comment #0194  
Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Docket #210011

External Email

To Whom It May Concern,

I will get straight to the point, this is a, "No" . The windfarm is not as productive and as environmentally green as many proponents claim nor do they produce the jobs that their proponents claim they do.

It takes a tremendous amount of fossil fuels to create the parts and transport them . They wear out and currently only a handful of locations in the USA will accept their waste products, sounds familiar...spent radioactive products and fuel. What happens when the states that currently accept them decide not to, or make it exorbitantly expensive to dispose of and again sound familiar...radioactive products and spent fuel. The blades take up miles of land to dispose of, layered on top of each other like bodies in the crypts of New Orleans, waiting to breakdown. Or, some are now trying to grind down the blades and try to make the remains into other products or simply bury the ground down waste, taking less room than the blades left intact. Let's talk about potential ground water contamination or soil contamination.

What about fire concerns, is it possible that the junction boxes to these turbines, could spark and cause wildland and prairie fires? I think that is a serious possibility, or what concerns /process are there that restrict the employees working and checking on them from accidentally starting a fire by indirect or direct means? Cigarettes, tail pipes?

The negative and positive impacts on the environment are hotly disputed and I for one think that they do harm to the environment by creation of roads to maintain them in often otherwise pristine and fairly pristine locations. They disrupt the breeding grounds of many animals and particularly invasive to the breeding grounds of birds and well as killing birds while in flight.

They are a visual blight, very disruptive and disturbing to those of us to have to look at them while traveling and living. They are a visual invasion. That visual blight does not go away at night either. Due to the height , they require blinking red lights to indicate where they are at night and to avoid collisions with airplanes.

The creation of jobs such as this one touting 1000 jobs, will the jobs be at lower wage base, have diversity, or higher pay scale or not have diversity based on the needed skill level ? And, they are temporary. After the construction is completed, the remaining jobs will consist of only a handful of individuals employed as permanent. What will their wage package look like? Sure, in some cases the leases have helped out some farmers (Kansas one example) and others but the benefit is for a few, not many.

Just say "no" to this project. I've looked at these wind farms from here , down Interstate 90, Indian John Hill to Vantage, across the Horse Heavens, down the Columbia Gorge, down

the valley to Walla Walla and across Kansas and I can only cry at the loss of the beautiful and picturesque landscape and try to keep the visual in my head of what it used to look like. I used to be able to stand in my yard in Pasco and look across to the Horse Heavens, now they are covered with wind turbines, it is not the same. And, with the passing of each generation, the memory goes away of the impressive skyline of hills and slopes and will only be recalled through historical photograph or ones that have been altered. Let's spend the money improving our dams and their fish ladders to make them truly as efficient as possible and help out the salmon recovery and support more industries than what the turbines do.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Sheldon

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I HAVE HIKE THE HORSE HEAVEN RIDGE FROM KENNEWICK TO PROSSER TWICE.

I MARVEL AT THE BADGERS, COYOTES, VARIOUS RODENTS, OCCASIONAL DEER, THE ANTELOPE THAT ESCAPED FROM THE YAKIMA RESERVATION AND THE MULTITUDE OF WINGED CREATURES.

MIGRATORY BIRDS LIKE GEESE, SANDHILL CRANES AND DUCKS OFTEN FEED NEAR THE CREST OF HORSE HEAVEN ON THEIR FLIGHT THROUGH WASHINGTON.

GAME BIRDS LIKE QUAIL, CHUKAR, PHEASANT & DOVE CAN BE FOUND IN DRAWS IN THE NORTHERN SLOPES OF HORSE HEAVEN.

RECREATION PEOPLE USE HORSE HEAVEN FOR HIKING & THE OCCASIONAL HANG GLIDER. HORSEBACK RIDERS HAVE TRAILHEADS AT THE BOTTOM & TOP OF McBEE GRADE, NEAR BENTON CITY.

FIRE DEPARTMENTS USE A REPEATER STATION ON THE CREST OF HORSE HEAVEN.

I OWN 2.4 ACRES AT THE BASE OF HORSE HEAVEN NEAR McBEE GRADE & I DON'T WANT MY PROPERTY VALUE TO DECLINE BECAUSE OF A HUM OR THUMP THAT I'VE HEARD IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ROTATION OF THE HUGE BLADES.

MAINTAINANCE ROADS AND SUBSTATIONS WILL FOLLOW THE ERECTION OF NUMEROUS TURBINE TOWERS.



I'VE HEARD HOW THE AUDUBON SOCIETY SUPPORTS YOUR  
EFFORT BUT NOTHING IS AS IT SEEMS AND I FEEL  
YOU'RE USING COVID 19 TO COVER AN ACTION THAT  
WILL EVENTUALLY EMBARRASS YOU, ME AND, THE  
ALL-TO-OFTEN, GULLIBLE PUBLIC.

HOW MANY RED TAIL HAWKS ARE KILLED BY  
YOUR ROTORS?

HOW MANY MEADOW LARKS DO YOU KILL?

HOW MANY GEESE

HOW MANY DUCKS

TELL ME YOU'VE NEVER KILLED A BALD EAGLE.

~~~~~ GOLDEN EAGLE.

MY GOVERNMENT & BIG BUSINESS WILL  
BLAME COVID 19 FOR HUNDREDS OF BLUNDERS  
BEFORE I DIE.

I'M SICKENED BY THE MONSTER ROTORS AS I  
TRAVEL WEST ON HIGHWAY 14. I DON'T WANT TO  
SEE THEM IN MY BACKYARD.

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STEVE ROUSE

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Re: Horse Heaven Wind Farm EFSEC Docket #EF-210011

Dear Sirs,

My name is Lorette Eby. My family has owned property, known as Cotswold Farms, in Horse Heaven for many years. I also own property in Iowa, a state with a large number of wind farms, all welcome, supported and approved by the many farmers in the state.

Construction jobs on wind farms have been needed and welcome. Plentiful wind in Iowa and Washington makes wind energy a win for all - using no water - providing extra income - providing needed electric power - causing no smog or asthma problems.

Please approve construction of wind turbines on our wheat ranch in Benton Co. Ia.

Lorette E. Eby TTEE  
Eby Family Revokable Trust  
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RE: Horse Heaven Wind Farm, EFSEC Docket Number: EF-210011

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council:

My name is Gordon Tomaske and my family has been farming in the Horse Heaven Hill country of Benton County for over 100 years. I am also a participating land owner in the Horse Heaven Wind Farm and strongly support the proposed project for a number of reasons. At a personal level, the revenue from the project will help ensure that our family will be able to hold this land now and for generations to come. As you know, income from farming can be variable and adding a more reliable source of income to the mix will do much to help our family during periods when crops are not generating needed revenue. More importantly, the Horse Heaven Wind Farm will provide increased tax revenue to Benton County helping to maintain and improve the infrastructure needed to support this region's economy. Further, this project will serve as a vital source of employment during both the project's construction and operation. Finally, this project will provide a critical source of clean, economical, and renewable energy for our country.

For generations the land owners in this region have worked to be good neighbors and to support the economic growth of Benton County and I believe strongly that this project will benefit everyone in the region. For the reasons noted above and more I enthusiastically support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm as a vital and historically significant opportunity to advance the interests of the region and our country.

Sincerely,



Gordon Tomaske



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*RE: Horse Heaven Wind Farm, EFSEC Docket Number: EF-210011*

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Commission,

Greetings,

My name is Carl C. Moore, I'm 89 years old, and live in Prosser, WA. My Grandfather came to the territory when 10 years old with his family via oxen pulled wagon in 1859. He homesteaded in Horse Heaven along with his two older sons in 1900. My Dad homesteaded by Hooper before W.W.I. . After a stint in the Army, he and his brother-in-law rented land in Horse Heaven till quitting in mid 1920's. He rented land again in late 1920's and farmed till depression forced him off. I was born in Benton City Wa., Benton Co. Dad again farmed in Horse Heaven starting in 1943 I Started Jan.1, 1950. After four years in the Navy, and getting married, I sold out. Then my wife and I bought land south of Benton City in 1958. We have worked to enlarge our farm and have paid much in taxes since. We now have two sons and two grandsons farming after they all graduating from college. We have taken good care of the land and paid lots of taxes to schools, fire, hospitals, ect. in Benton Co. Wind machines and solar pannels will increase the revenue Benton Co. receives, beside the extra electricit y they generate for Washington State. I think by approving this project it will benifit the whole northwest. I know the farmers in this project could use the extra income. After having actively engaged in farming and paying taxes for over 79 years, I belive the land owners should have the right to say who or what becomes of thier property. Thank you. God Bless and stay well.



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RE: Horse Heaven Wind Farm, EFSEC Docket Number EF-210011

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Commission

My name is Thomas Smith President of a family partnership Kovach Land Company and our family has owned land and produced crops in Benton County for over 80 years. Kovach Land Company is a seven member family partnership. Our father originally purchased the land and built our dryland wheat farm in the 1930's. Kovach Land Company is a participating landowner in the Horse Heaven Wind Farm and support the proposal.

Building a wind and solar farm in the Horse Heaven Hills will bring positive economic impacts to the local community, including increased tax revenues for the county and good jobs during construction and operations. Creating new sources of renewable energy is an excellent way to protect the natural environment and keep energy prices low, The project will also help diversify our Kovach Land Company's revenue stream and help keep this land in our family for future generations.

Please approve this project so that the local community can start reaping the many benefits it will provide.

Sincerely,



Thomas Smith  
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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Gary Wooden, and my family has owned land and produced crops in Benton County, Washington for over 150 years. Carole and I currently own and operate over 10,000 acres on the Horse Heave Hills

We are participating landowner in the Horse Heaven Wind Farm and support the proposal for the following reasons:

Building a wind farm in the Horse Heaven Hills will bring positive economic impacts to the local community, including increased tax revenue for the county and good jobs during construction and operations.

Creating new sources of renewable energy is an excellent way to protect the natural environment and keep energy prices low.

The project will also help diversify our farm's revenue stream and help keep this land in our family for future generations.

Please approve this project so that the local community can start reaping the many benefits it will provide.

Sincerely,

*Carole Wooden*  
*Gary Wooden*

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