



STATE OF WASHINGTON

## ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

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### HORSE HEAVEN WIND FARM

#### NOTICE OF ADJUDICATIVE HEARINGS

**AUGUST 14, 15, 16, 21-25, 2023 9:00 AM**

**AND PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

**AUGUST 23, 2023 5:30 PM**

#### **Virtual Meeting to receive comment on the Horse Heaven Adjudication**

Notice Issued August 8, 2023

#### **Description of Proposal**

The Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project proposes the construction and operation of a combined wind and solar power renewable energy facility that would have energy generating capacity of up to 1,150 megawatts, as well as battery energy storage systems. The proposed location is on approximately 72,428 acres in unincorporated Benton County, Washington, approximately four miles south/southwest of the City of Kennewick. Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC, is indirectly owned by Scout Clean Energy, LLC, a portfolio company of Brookfield Renewable. Please refer to the project website for additional information, including application materials: <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/horse-heaven-wind-project>.

#### **Adjudicative Hearings Begin August 14, 2023**

Council review of the application for site certification (ASC) is governed by Chapter 80.50 of the Revised Code of Washington and Title 463 of the Washington Administrative Code. The Council will conduct a virtual public hearing on the proposed Horse Heaven Wind Farm under the Washington Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 34.05 RCW, and the Council's rules for adjudicative proceedings set out in WAC Chapter 463-30. The hearing is open to the public, but public comment will not be taken during these proceedings except as noticed below. The adjudicative hearing will begin on Monday, August 14, 2023 and is planned to start at 9:00 a.m. The anticipated schedule is:

- Monday, August 14 & Tuesday, August 15: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - [https://bit.ly/HHAdj\\_Aug14-15](https://bit.ly/HHAdj_Aug14-15)
  - +1 564-999-2000 Conference ID:941310062#
- Wednesday, August 16: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
  - [https://bit.ly/HHAdj\\_Aug16](https://bit.ly/HHAdj_Aug16)
  - +1 564-999-2000 Conference ID:608645291#
- Monday August 21 through Friday, August 25: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - [https://bit.ly/HHAdj\\_Aug21-25](https://bit.ly/HHAdj_Aug21-25)
  - +1 564-999-2000 Conference ID:791534263#

- Wednesday, August 23: Public Comment Hearing, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- [https://bit.ly/HHAdj\\_Aug23-PublicComment](https://bit.ly/HHAdj_Aug23-PublicComment)
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**Public Comment Hearing Scheduled for August 23, 2023, 5:30 – 8:00 PM or last speaker, whichever comes first.**

Members of the public **who filed a written comment with the Council prior to January 31, 2023, raising one or more specific issues** may speak in support or opposition to the proposed Horse Heaven Wind Farm during the Public Comment Hearing session of the adjudication.

RCW 80.50.090(4)(a) provides that, at the adjudicative hearing “any person shall be entitled to be heard in support of or in opposition to the application for certification by raising one or more specific issues, provided that the person has raised the issue or issues in writing with specificity during the application review process or during the public comment period . . . prior to the start of the adjudicative hearing.” Consistent with this, the December 15, 2022, Order Commencing Agency Adjudication stated that:

During the course of the adjudication, the Council will set a time for public comment in accordance with RCW 80.50.090(4)(a). Any member of the public wishing to speak at this public comment hearing in support of or in opposition to the ASC must file their written comment with the Council raising one or more specific issues no later than January 31, 2023.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please submit your comment to the comment database at <https://comments.efsec.wa.gov/> or send your comment in writing to [comments@efsec.wa.gov](mailto:comments@efsec.wa.gov) or P.O. Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172.

**Meeting Location**

The Public Hearing will be held virtually. We appreciate your participation.

You may attend the meeting via Microsoft Teams online or via phone at:

- [https://bit.ly/HHAdj\\_Aug23-PublicComment](https://bit.ly/HHAdj_Aug23-PublicComment)
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To facilitate this remote meeting, EFSEC requests that speakers sign up ahead of the meeting. Anyone wishing to speak during the public meeting should please notify EFSEC by phone at (360) 664-1345 or email at [efsec@efsec.wa.gov](mailto:efsec@efsec.wa.gov) before 5:00 pm on August 23, 2023.

**Additional Information**

For information regarding the project please visit the EFSEC website at <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/> or contact Amy Moon, EFSEC Site Specialist at (360) 664-1362 or [amy.moon@efsec.wa.gov](mailto:amy.moon@efsec.wa.gov). If you have special accommodation needs or need language translation services to provide your comment, please contact EFSEC staff at (360) 664-1345 or send an email to [efsec@efsec.wa.gov](mailto:efsec@efsec.wa.gov).