

Survey Responses

11 December 2023 - 17 December 2023

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Project: Upcoming action item: Horse Heaven Direction to Staff



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Respondent No: 1

Login: Anonymous

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Responded At: Dec 17, 2023 11:31:25 am

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Q1. **Name** Geneva Carroll

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I do not want the Horse Heaven Hills to be disfigured with the unsightly and unnecessary wind farm. It is also a dangerous addition to the Tri Cities environment with the lack of fire protection, bird population and dust and dirt issues. Not to mention the lack of water availability. Do not allow this to happen!

Q5. **Upload your document (optional)** not answered

Q6. **Upload a picture (optional)** not answered

Q7. **Did you also share a video?** No

Q8. **What is the title of your video?** not answered



Respondent No: 2

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Dec 17, 2023 12:14:30 pm

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Karen Brun
Q2. Email address	karen@tricityscares.org
Q3. Are you part of an Agency or Organization?	Yes (please specify) Tri-Cities CARES
Q4. Share any comment	My comments and questions on the Horse Heaven Hills FEIS are in the attached Word document.
Q5. Upload your document (optional)	https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-us-california/ca7b8f3837c1962c52f621dab5c0ff5b2bf50780/original/1702844065/6b1bccb7ae3847aae742c0f378c60cc7_HORSE_HEAVEN_HILLS_FEIS_COMMENTS.docx?1702844065
Q6. Upload a picture (optional)	not answered
Q7. Did you also share a video?	No
Q8. What is the title of your video?	not answered



Respondent No: 3

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Dec 17, 2023 12:39:05 pm

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Karen Brun
Q2. Email address	karen@tricityscares.org
Q3. Are you part of an Agency or Organization?	Yes (please specify) Tri-Cities CARES
Q4. Share any comment	<p>WAC 197-11-560 FEIS response to comments: (1) The lead agency shall prepare a final environmental impact statement whenever a DEIS has been prepared, unless the proposal is withdrawn or indefinitely postponed. The lead agency shall consider comments on the proposal and shall respond by one or more of the means listed below, including its response in the final statement. Possible responses are to: (a) Modify alternatives including the proposed action. (b) Develop and evaluate alternatives not previously given detailed consideration by the agency. (c) Supplement, improve, or modify the analysis. (d) Make factual corrections. (e) Explain why the comments do not warrant further agency response, citing the sources, authorities, or reasons that support the agency's response and, if appropriate, indicate those circumstances that would trigger agency reappraisal or further response. EFSEC, thus far, has done a very poor job in complying with this section of the WAC. It appears that the EFSEC staff made a predetermination that they were not going to look at any alternatives other than the original and a No Alternative (which, to any intelligent person) is not an alternative at all. The staff appears to have bent over backwards to give the applicant what they want and pretty much ignored what everyone else wants. If the applicant had done what they should've done at the outset - bringing all the stakeholders together before submitting their design, we wouldn't be in this mess.</p>
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Q7. Did you also share a video?	No
Q8. What is the title of your video?	not answered



Respondent No: 4

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Dec 17, 2023 16:56:15 pm

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. Name	Pam Minelli
Q2. Email address	pam_minelli@hotmail.com
Q3. Are you part of an Agency or Organization?	Yes (please specify) Tri-Cities CARES
Q4. Share any comment	See my attached concerns about FEIS mitigations for the endangered Ferruginous Hawk.
Q5. Upload your document (optional)	https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-us-california/e3da43ee306b79dd697fecb2ca85cad820d31886/original/1702860867/ab3f008dd748b03ed82f6a87ef468889_FEIS_Comment_-_F_Hawk_12.17.23.pdf?1702860867
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Q7. Did you also share a video?	No
Q8. What is the title of your video?	not answered



Respondent No: 5

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Dec 17, 2023 19:30:50 pm

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Q1. Name	Vicky Keller
Q2. Email address	vkeller_2000@yahoo.com
Q3. Are you part of an Agency or Organization?	No
Q4. Share any comment	<p>As I have stated in my previous comments I am OPPOSED to this project. I guess my comment today would be that I am sick and tired of Washington state going against what citizens want and forcing unrealistic California ideals down our throats. Wind has proven to be one of the most unreliable sources of energy yet committees as yours continue to ignore true science and the citizens of this state. I am more disgusted that this committee disregards the desires of Tri-City residents and surrounding communities has made it very clear that we do not want it nor think this type of energy is right for our State. You have prime real-world examples of other countries and US States proving that wind is unreliable and inefficient to produce, and that many of these locations have acknowledged their mistake and are now tearing out and replacing with better more reliable energy sources to meet their power needs. Science shows how destructive turbines are to the environment during operation and then when they are decommissioned to acres and acres of land where they never decay but leak chemicals and oils into the earth. Science show also that they are highly detrimental to the landscape and wildlife habitats. Stop ignoring this science. I am sick and tired that Washington state continues and committees as yours continues to make bad decisions and will not do anything to correct or stop the madness but just compounds the stupidity with more stupidity. Washington has become a dictator State and is unwilling to step back and make right decisions based upon factual truth. There are so many examples in the United States and other countries that prove wind and solar provide the least reliant power. We are a state of technology and science that can develop better alternative green energy solutions, but Washington government has proven that common sense has no place at our table. For once, please, please, please look at the true science, use common sense and admit that this project does not provide Washington with reliable, environmentally friendly power. For once, consider that the Tri-Cities community of 300,000 people DOES NOT and HAS NEVER supported placement of this project along our beautiful Horse Heaven skyline marring our beautiful landscape and destroying the natural habitat of our region. DENY THIS PROJECT.</p>
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Q7. Did you also share a video?	No
Q8. What is the title of your video?	not answered



Respondent No: 6

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Dec 17, 2023 19:37:32 pm

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- Q1. **Name** Paul Krupin
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- Q2. **Email address** Paul@Presari.com
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- Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** **Yes (please specify)**
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- Q4. **Share any comment**
Attached pdf file. Presentation on Aerial Firefighting & Wind Farms Proposed Legislation in Washington given to the Allied Aerial Firefighters Annual meeting, December 13, 2023
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- Q5. **Upload your document (optional)** https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-us-california/f382ada8ed20f10d7c76b143b425d09d0f9913a5/original/1702870477/661ae00bdab8abeb17489d00ae9b06a7_Aerial_Firefighting_Presentation_121223_final.pdf?1702870477
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- Q6. **Upload a picture (optional)** https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-us-california/bd7d491ee7602a6a883cb6760227f0858a4c66ba/original/1702870503/65e4f63953542fb38d2f69033b9e0107_Aerial_Firefighting_P_resentation_cover_.jpg?1702870503
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- Q7. **Did you also share a video?** Yes
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- Q8. **What is the title of your video?** DC10 dropping fire retardant on McBee Ridhe Line Horse heaven Hills June 16, 2023 (link to You Tube)
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Respondent No: 7

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Dec 17, 2023 20:19:52 pm

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Q1. Name	Paul Krupin
Q2. Email address	Paul@Presari.com
Q3. Are you part of an Agency or Organization?	Yes (please specify) Tri-Cities CARES
Q4. Share any comment	Comments to EFSEC and the Council on the FEIS and Updated ASC – December 17, 2023 - pdf file attached
Q5. Upload your document (optional)	https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-us-california/aaf81c985fce420e5b9dc616c4f502ac613f0dcc/original/1702873156/025f228f6b305c181b7ca3618246b85a_Comments_to_EFSEC_and_the_Council_on_the_FEIS_and_Updated_ASC_121723_PJK.pdf?1702873156
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Respondent No: 8

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Dec 17, 2023 20:43:45 pm

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Q1. Name	Paul Krupin
Q2. Email address	Paul@Presari.com
Q3. Are you part of an Agency or Organization?	Yes (please specify) Tri-Cities CARES
Q4. Share any comment	Inadequate Notice and Opportunity to Comment - see attached pdf file
Q5. Upload your document (optional)	https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-us-california/23a40be6e4890da1d0687fc9c9393bcb158af7eb/original/1702874616/2d778075916d9650655cf10de8931ebf_Inadequate_Notice_and_Opportunity_to_Comment.pdf?1702874616
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Responded At: Dec 17, 2023 22:48:16 pm
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- Q1. **Name** Dean Apostol
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- Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** **Yes (please specify)**
Expert witness on Visual Impacts for Tri City Cares
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Q4. Share any comment

These comments are on the Visual impact analysis in the EIS. The proposed mitigation measures are wholly inadequate given the size and scale of this project. There are no alternatives provided that are meaningfully different from each other. The proposal maximizes site development. It takes no account of the landscape, views, viewpoints, visual contrast, or scale. The design should provide visual gaps, breaking up the long lines of turbines by providing "visual space", particularly towards the center of the project as viewed from the north. The added KOPs are not helpful in determining or mitigating the impacts. They fail to represent important viewing areas and conditions. Consider that hundreds of thousands of people will view the project from many public viewpoints, parks, roads, trails. KOPs that represent views outside their immediate frame need to be explained and tied to other nearby views. There is a significant error in the simulations. Badger Mountain is shown as viewpoint 8a and 8b in the simulations. But it is Viewpoint 5 in actuality. Viewpoint 8 is Kennewick Canyon, not Badger Mountain, which is not fully simulated. The view is a much wider angle than what is shown. The analysis describes the visual impact from Badger Mountain as "moderate to high." This is simply wrong. I implore the staff and panel to look at the simulations from Badger Mountain, and compare these to the existing view. There is no way the impact can be anything other than high. Unacceptably high in my professional opinion. the draft EIS noted HIGH impacts from this and other viewpoints. These were changed to "MODERATE_HIGH", apparently in a clumsy effort to synch the EIS with the Developers visual impact analysis. The simulations fail to account for ground disturbance. The turbines look like popsicle sticks stuck in the ground. But there will be massive grading, large framed bases or pads, roads, road cuts, and significant ground disturbance around every turbines, so where the base is visible, as they will be from Badger Mountain, the disturbance will be evident and add to visual contrast and impacts. Wind projects typically understate impacts when compared to the actual built project. There are many reasons for this, but this project is very obviously understating the impacts. The project, if approved, should be scaled back. Washington will need more renewable energy. In order for projects to be broadly acceptable to the public they need to be designed to look acceptable. This one does not, and if approved and built as currently designed will be a black eye for the entire wind industry in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest.

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