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Scout Energy

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 23 SPEAKER KOBUS: Thank you for the opportunity 24 to present comments. This is Dave Kobus -- D-A-V-E, 25 K-O-B-U-S -- and I'm speaking for the applicant as well as a 1 local resident. 2 So this DEIS demonstrates that sufficient analysis 3 has been conducted by the applicant and EFSEC to confirm 4 that with appropriate mitigation, the project's 5 environmental impact does not pose significant detriment and 6 is compatible with the agricultural character of the county, 7 as it is located in the land use types specifically 8 recommended by the Washington Department of Fish and 9 Wildlife wind power guidelines. And the analysis didn't 10 stop with our application, as the applicant has continued to 11 analyze special species impacts and has provided the best 12 available science to justify development plans. 13 The applicant's comments on the DEIS generally 14 identify where corrections must be made, comments to improve 15 clarity and recommendations for enhancements, and we have 16 submitted those comments in writing. However, several 17 concerns have been highlighted for consideration that we 18 believe do not meet reasonableness and attribution of 19 impacts, tests in SEPA or reasonably align with the wind 20 power guidelines. 21 In general, the applicant believes that some of 22 the mitigation measures exceed established precedent and 23 several must be reconsidered. We provide justification for 24 those we feel should be removed for the reasons I just 25 noted. 1 The applicant appreciates the effort that was 2 provided by EFSEC staff and independent consultant to, in my 3 view, leave no stone unturned in the DEIS preparation and 4 review activity. The need for clean energy projects such as 5 this is recognized nationally by the state and by the 6 region.

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Kennewick Mayor
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- 02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 8 SPEAKER MCKAY: Thank you. 9 Scout requested that Kennewick supply water to 10 them and was later notified by the City of Kennewick that 11 they would not be providing water to them. They were denied 12 because they were out of -- outside city limits and also the 13 urban growth area. Because of the vast amount of water 14 requested, in a year of drought, there was a high 15 possibility that water would have to be limited to city 16 residents to fulfill the commitment to Scout. 17 Since the City of Kennewick's notification to 18 Scout they have not modified their application, nor notified 19 the public of what their source of water would be. As far 20 as we have been able to determine, they still have not 21 revealed what their source of water will be. 22 Governor Inslee's comment including -- excuse me. 23 Let me back up. 24 While attending a UN climate conference in Egypt 25 in November 2022, Governor Inslee was quoted as saying: 1 Governments will have to overcome nimbyism, 2 including in Washington, to achieve clean energy goals. 3 He went on to say: 4 Regulatory reforms are needed to prevent local 5 opponents from delaying projects. We've got to make 6 decisions, and this will be controversial. We have to 7 confront it. We have to succeed. Unquote. 8 However, it's important to note that Governor 9 Inslee's words are the polar opposite in what was promised 10 in the Washington 2021 State of Energy Strategy, SES, which 11 states: 12 Public and community participation is important to 13 ensure energy policy is informed by local knowledge, meets 14 local needs and is viewed as legitimate by the local 15 community. Additionally, community and community members 16 must have a seat at the table in designing programs and 17 selecting projects.
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Benton Public Works

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 8 SPEAKER COWLING: Good evening. John 9 Cowling, J-O-H-N, C-O-W-L-I-N-G. 10 Good evening. I am the deputy public works 11 director for the City of Kennewick. And just following up 12 on the mayor's comments, I've been the primary contact with 13 Scout Clean Energy as it relates to the use of Kennewick 14 water for this project. 15 As Mayor McKay indicated, Kennewick will not be -- 16 or cannot provide water for this project. Specifically, the 17 Kennewick Municipal Code prohibits provision of water 18 outside the city limits or urban growth area. 19 I'd like to add that this information, as well as 20 a section of code, was provided to Scout Clean Energy in May 21 of last year. So we felt it's important that EFSEC know and 22 the draft EIS did not identify Kennewick as a potential 23 water source for construction and ongoing operations of this 24 project due to our inability to provide water with our 25 current municipal code. 1 Thank you

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Benton County

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 12 SPEAKER WENDT: G-R-E-G. Last name is 13 W-E-N-D-T. 14 On January 31st, the board of county commissioners 15 did submit written comments regarding this draft DEIS for 16 this project. And while the DEIS has many inadequacies, the 17 county is deeply concerned that in its current form, the 18 DEIS does not meaningfully discuss or disclose impacts to 19 our county agricultural lands of long-term commercial 20 significance. 21 Specifically, the project will result in a 22 conversion of ag lands of long-term commercial significance 23 without disclosing the environmental impacts of the 24 conversion. The GMA imposes on Benton County requirements 25 for the conversion on natural resource lands, which includes 1 the county's ag lands of long-term commercial significance. 2 Benton County is required to designate these ag lands, 3 assure the conservation of these ag lands, assure that the 4 use of adjacent lands do not interfere with their continued 5 use of agricultural lands, conserve agricultural land in 6 order to maintain and enhance the agricultural industry and 7 discourage incompatible uses. 8 The conservation of agricultural lands of 9 long-term commercial significance is a State of Washington 10 mandate that Benton County must and will continue to follow. 11 The county has met this mandate and properly designated it 12 agricultural lands. These ag lands cannot be de-designated 13 or allowed non-agricultural uses in these areas without 14 issuing a determination that the lands are no longer meeting 15 the long-term commercial insignificant status. 16 Approval of this project would undermine GMA's ag 17 lands conservation mandate and allow the permanent 18 conversion of 6,869 acres of a temporary conversion of 2,957 19 acres of (inaudible) terms commercially significant ag land. 20 This results in long-term removal of commercially 21 significant ag lands, and in turn, the Horse Heaven Hills 22 farming area will suffer irreversible losses as a viable ag 23 area of agricultural resource lands. The impacts from the 24 loss of ag lands and long-term commercial significance as a 25 result of this project must be thoroughly analyzed and 1 discussed before a final EIS. Thank you very much.

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Benton County

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 5 SPEAKER COOKE: Michelle Cooke. 6 M-I-C-H-E-L-L-E, C-O-O-K-E. 7 Thank you for the time. 8 First of all, Benton County is concerned that the 9 conversion of agricultural lands of long-term significance 10 will have a high cumulative impact. The DEIS is required to 11 meaningfully disclose and discuss the impacts of permanently 12 converting almost 7,000 acres of agricultural lands to new 13 land uses. 14 These new uses will replace and eliminate not only 15 these agricultural lands, but also the function and values 16 that these lands provide as a type of natural resource land. 17 Additionally, the DEIS fails to discuss the 18 economic impacts to the overall agricultural community, and 19 further, does not disclose the economic impacts for the life 20 of the project. 21 The DEIS does not support its own conclusions when 22 it states that the proposed action does not contribute to a 23 cumulative impact on agricultural productivity, 24 profitability, or farm operations within a project area. 25 This conclusion is misleading because it implies 1 that Benton County conditional use criteria will prevent or 2 mitigate any project impacts. The project impacts will 3 clash with, rather than meet the tests laid out in the 4 Benton County code. 5 Secondly, the proposed mitigation measures are 6 inadequate to appropriately mitigate the environmental 7 impacts of the conversion of agricultural land's long-term 8 commercial significance. The mitigation measure, LSU5 9 requires that the applicant submit a site restoration plan 10 to EFSEC. The DEIS identifies that this plan is to be 11 submitted and it's not an actual part of the SEPA record; 12 therefore, it cannot be evaluated and does not constitute an 13 effective mitigation measure. 14 Lastly, there's no discussion of the introduction 15 and integration of a large-scale non-agricultural industrial 16 use onto the Horse Heaven Hills landscape. Changes to the 17 facilities and roads and power lines will impact existing 18 grazing and farming activities. 19 In closing, the impacts mean a loss of 20 agricultural lands with long-term commercial significance. 21 As a result, this project must be thoroughly analyzed and 22 discussed before a final EIS can be issued. Thank you for 23 your time.

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Benton County Commissioner

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 1 SPEAKER DELVIN: It's J-E-R-O-M-E, Delvin, D 2 as in David, E-L-V-I-N. 3 Thank you, Madam Chair, and I want to thank EFSEC, 4 too, for holding this meeting so we can -- our community can 5 have comments. 6 I'm the Benton County Commissioner. You just 7 heard from Benton County staff about the DEIS and some of 8 their concerns, and we share those, the commissioners share 9 those. 10 I've spent a lot of time in this community, born 11 and raised here, and I've always enjoyed the views in this 12 area when I hike. What these windmills will do is destroy 13 that, in my mind, destroy those views. 14 You'll hear from a lot of passionate citizens here 15 that really have concerns about what those windmills will do 16 to our natural landscape. 17 I think you can put it to what -- it would ruin 18 our view shed and our views in this area. If you put these 19 windmills, say, on the hills around Issaquah or if you put 20 them in the Puget Sound or off the coast of Washington, 21 there would be a lot of outcry. 22 Well, we've been hearing a lot of outcry today 23 about this, We don't want those here. There's better places 24 for those. If you really want to do those, a lot of people 25 may speak about the inefficiency of those windmills. 1 There's a lot of data that supports that view. 2 So I just ask EFSEC to really give it an honest, 3 honest, and not be pressured by all the Go Green and those 4 type of -- type of statements because, you know, we just 5 don't want to be the dumping ground for all the green 6 energy. 7 We have hydro, which, unfortunately, is not 8 considered a renewable energy in this state, the only state 9 in the country, and also, we have nuclear power here. We 10 encourage more nuclear power. They don't affect the view 11 shed like these windmills. 12 So urge you to say "no" to this project, and 13 appreciate your time. 14 Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 17 SPEAKER SPENCER: Thank you. K-E-N, 18 S-P-E-N-C-E-R. 19 Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment 20 on the Horse Heaven Wind Farm. You, as a committee, have 21 given approval for the project despite our county and 22 citizens' objection. 23 I have a couple points to make regarding the 24 approval over the objections of the citizens of our county. 25 You have bypassed the urban growth act giving approval for 1 an industrial development. If you look back a few years 2 ago, the City of Kennewick in Benton County had applied to 3 that body for an increased area of industrial development 4 south of the I-82 corridor, saying it would not be part of 5 the current growth plan. Well, Horse Heaven Wind Farm is 6 south of I-82 corridor, and by your authority, you have 7 created something that could -- that we could not do. This 8 may create some intended -- some unintended consequences. 9 If you were the city -- if I were the City of Kennewick, I 10 would start developing that area south of the I-82 corridor 11 based on your decision. 12 No. 2, what is a plan for decommissioning these 13 large towers and wind turbines? I have reviewed, as I 14 could, some of the cost studies that have been done on that 15 topic, and it looks like the estimated useful life of this 16 project is between 20 and 30 years. And at the end of the 17 useful life, what is the plan to dispose of these, either by 18 salvage or disposal at a hazardous waste site? 19 The best report and with the most complete details 20 was done in 2017 out in South Dakota. At that time, the 21 estimate of the cost of decommissioning was \$2 million per 22 turbine. If we apply inflation over the last six years, 23 that cost has risen to over 2.2 million. Now, who is going 24 to cover that cost? The taxpayers of Benton County? 25 Because we are the ones who are not profiting from this 1 project, so I feel there needs to be a funds setup or some 2 other reasonable means to pay for the estimated cost to 3 return the site to its present condition. 4 As has been seen in other developments where the 5 subsidies sometimes end at the end of the project and the 6 developer or the companies that develop it, they have run 7 these developments, disappear when it's time to clean up or 8 dispose of the site. They are no longer --

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 17 SPEAKER SMITH: Hi. My name is Lisa Smith 18 L-I-S-A, S-M-I-T-H. 19 And I live in the Summit View neighborhood of 20 Kennewick, which is in Southwest Kennewick. I am a 21 proponent of clean energy, but am extremely opposed to this 22 massive wind turbine project. 23 We already provide efficient, clean energy through 24 nuclear power and also the hydroelectric power in our area. 25 I don't understand why we'd let an out-of-state company come 1 in and completely destroy our natural landscape and ridges 2 with these wind turbines. We do have some wind turbines 3 already that are visible from my house, and I can see that 4 they are idle the majority of the time. We do get wind 5 here, but it's actually quite infrequent. It seems crazy to 6 forever change a huge part of our landscape to have massive 7 wind turbines sitting idle. 8 I also don't understand why these wind turbines 9 have to be right at the top of our ridges where they are the 10 most visible to thousands of people in Finley, Tri-Cities, 11 and Benton City. There's a lot of land even just south of 12 here, you know, between our cities and Oregon with almost no 13 population where these turbines could be and not have so 14 much impact on our people. 15 Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 23 Okay. It's Margaret, M-A-R-G-A-R-E-T. Last name 24 is Hue, H-U-E. I'm a resident from Badger Canyon. The 25 location where some of these turbines are going to be is 1 within a mile and a half of our location, directly above it. 2 I've lived in Badger Canyon for 40 years, so I've seen a lot 3 of things and know the land and the terrain and so forth. 4 But what people don't understand is all of these 5 big canyons that drain off of Horse Heaven, they bring wind 6 turbulence down. The DEIS refers to Badger Canyon as kind 7 of sloping hills, whatever. It is very complex. And all 8 these canyons that feed in are -- pull air down, they cause 9 wind turbulence, but the wind farms that are coming up, 10 there are 150, six rows deep, directly above Badger Canyon 11 or to Kiona for nine miles. 12 And with that, we have some of the most pristine 13 farm ground in Badger Canyon, Red Mountain, Kiona, but also 14 down to Finley, but this area here is going to receive all 15 of the warm air that's going to damage our diversified 16 agriculture. The wind turbulence can be carried up to 15 to 17 20 miles, causing chaos on our diversified ag. This will go 18 way into Pasco and North Franklin County. 19 The other thing is with the warming temperatures, 20 most from the wind farms, most of these are in the evening 21 or in the afternoon to 10 in the morning. If you're a 22 cherry grower, you go out to pick your cherries and the 23 orchard is warm, you're not going to be able to pick your 24 cherries. That is an economic loss to our community. 25 I was concerned because some growers brought out 1 small cherries. We found out WSU IAREC is releasing a 2 study. It is not out yet, but it will be. And it shows 3 that damage from warm temperatures can affect the quality, 4 the size of the fruit, which is tonnage. That's money, and 5 then also the color on the apples, color on the -- 6 CHAIR DREW: Thank you. 7 SPEAKER HUE: -- economic loss.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 25 SPEAKER PORTER: Hello. My name is Rita 1 Porter, R-I-T-A, P-O-R-T-E-R. 2 One of the things that has not been addressed so 3 far is the blinking red lights, and I'm concerned about the 4 blinking red lights. They'll be visible from my home by, at 5 times, probably 50 or 60. I live in Badger Canyon, and I'm 6 vehemently against the intrusion of the windmills for all 7 the reasons that's been addressed and the reasons that are 8 yet to be addressed. I don't -- I don't -- I think it's a 9 huge show of disrespect of the residents of the Tri-Cities 10 not even to give them a voice until after the fact. And I 11 didn't really have anything to prepare, but I just wanted to 12 show up and give my support to people of the United 13 States -- or people of Tri-Cities and voice my opinions. 14 Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 1 SPEAKER RICHARDSON: Good afternoon. My name 2 is Karen Richardson, K-A-R-E-N, R-I-C-H-S-O-N (sic). 3 This has been the culmination of an over two-year 4 journey. I've sent EFSEC pictures of animals: Burrowing 5 owls, sandhill cranes, the red tail fox, and the pronghorn 6 antelopes that graze on our steppe shrub. As endangered 7 animals, they've been reintroduced by the Central Washington 8 Chapter of the Safari Club. I've sent pictures of 9 landscapes, sunsets, vast open -- vast, wide-open spaces. 10 I've sent pictures of broken turbines; turbines on fire, 11 like the ones in Williamsburg, Iowa, but the people in 12 charge don't seem to care. 13 US Fish and Wildlife Department with help from the 14 Department of Defense just granted a 2.4 million REPI, which 15 is a readiness and environmental protection program for 16 butterflies, gophers, and horned larks on acreage adjacent 17 to the Joint Base Lewis-McChord property. 18 The Tri-City Herald just reported that 19 Washington-based wind power provides the lowest effective 20 capacity in winter compared to surrounding regions. 21 According to western resource advocacy programs, a 22 quote from a utility planning company: Washington-based 23 wind farms should be low on the list of alternatives if 24 you're trying to balance CO2 emission reductions, grid 25 reliability, and land-use impacts in the most cost-effective 1 manner possible. The draft study is lacking a failure to 2 analyze proposed wind projects impact on residents. 3 With Horse Heaven Hills high pressure inversions, 4 cold freezing weather, and windless days, this makes no 5 sense to place the wind farms in this area. 6 Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 9 SPEAKER WOLFSLACK: Hello. My name is Tammy 10 Wolfslack, T-A-M-M-Y, W-O-L-F-S-L-A-C-K. Hi. 11 I am here to talk about a couple articles 12 Washington Times had. The title of the article is, "Death 13 by Solar Farm. 71 Species of Birds Killed. Entire Food 14 Chains Disrupted." This article talks about 800-degree 15 temperatures above solar fields, and apparently one type of 16 bird in the study was observed to be smoking of its feathers 17 as it flew. 18 College of National Sciences article dated January 19 2021, a 1.6 million DOC grant supports scientists studying 20 bird deaths at solar facilities. It discusses the 21 incineration of birds, to the point that in some cases there 22 was only a puff of feathers remaining. They couldn't even 23 identify the remains. 24 We are in a wildlife migration route. We are a 25 major flyway, according to the United Nations Food 1 Agricultural Organization, and I have a lot of photos here 2 to show different types of birds as some of them were 3 discussed. And when I read the wind solar table ES-6 4 discussing special status -- and that means protective 5 endangered, I'm guessing -- recommended mitigation measures 6 should read as allowable killing protected status species. 7 In particular, you're talking about eagles. How 8 many eagles are okay? They're going to be given take 9 permits, which my understanding is "take" means kill. How 10 many are acceptable? Five, ten, 100? I have concerns that 11 these shouldn't even be placed here in a flyway. 12 So there are other options. I think that starting 13 to create things at a point of use is critical. Do it in 14 college and a high school. Give them competitions and say, 15 Hey, can you attach this to a car tire and make the battery 16 generate itself? Solar cells on top of a car. Other types 17 of something that can capture the wind on top of a vehicle. 18 There's other ways to look at this. We don't have 19 to go this way. We should stop jumping out of the airplane 20 without checking our parachute for holes. 21 Thank you very much.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 24 SPEAKER GRAVES: Good evening. My name is 25 Gayle, G-A-Y-L-E; Graves, G-R-A-V-E-S, and I reside in 1 Canyon -- or excuse me, Sunrise Canyon. Thank you for 2 holding this meeting. 3 I am against the project as it's environmentally 4 devastating. For one example, the diversified agriculture 5 will be impacted, raising local temperatures four degrees 6 higher annually. Annually. 7 Diversified agriculture is one of the economic 8 drivers of the Tri-City area. The project is economically 9 not sound as it will not create the energy proposed. It's 10 at taxpayers expense and will not create the employment as 11 broadcasted by the supporters of the project. 12 The shrub steppe and wildlife in our community 13 care will be decimated without rehabilitation. 14 How does this affect me and my family? My home is 15 at the base of the hills. I'll be breathing the herbicides 16 and pesticides brought down by the winds and the 17 construction. Living in higher temperatures with higher 18 utility bills, tolerating red lights, noise pollution. 19 Missing the wildlife that once flew in the Pacific flyway 20 that was once ours to enjoy. 21 Thank you for your time.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 24 SPEAKER BRUTZMAN: Karen Brutzman. 25 K-A-R-E-N, B as in boy, R-U-T as in Tom, Z as in zebra, 1 M-A-N. 2 I am against this project. Scout Clean Energy 3 wants you to believe that a small group of vocal residents 4 is threatening to stop this clean energy project, which 5 would generate up to 1,000 jobs and millions in tax revenue 6 to Benton County. Don't be fooled. 7 Those 1,000 jobs will be short-term jobs for wind 8 turbine installation. Once in place the project will employ 9 fewer than 50 people. Wear and tear on our roadways will be 10 immense. Trucks will bring wind turbines to our area in 11 several sections. Roads will need to be straightened. 12 There will also be hundreds of concrete trucks traveling 13 county roads to provide concrete for wind turbine 14 foundations. Many of our county roads were not designed for 15 these type of heavy loads. 16 Clean energy is a misnomer. Concrete has a huge 17 carbon footprint. The environmental impact of concrete, its 18 manufacture and applications are complex, including CO2 19 emissions. The cement industry is one of the main producers 20 of carbon dioxide, a potent greenhouse gas. One reason why 21 carbon emissions are so high is because cement must be 22 heated to very high temperatures for clinker to form. 23 The Tri-Cities is already a hot spot for ozone 24 health risk. The Tri-Cities' ozone precursor study final 25 report dated December 12, 2017, was prepared by the 1 laboratory for atmospheric research, the Department of Civil 2 and Environmental Engineering, and Washington State 3 University. The link is provided in my written comments. 4 This study was conducted because air quality 5 managers started paying close attention to ozone levels in 6 the Tri-Cities when the daily predictive air quality 7 forecast model, operated by WSU, consistently showed 8 elevated ozone in the Tri-Cities area. 9 The ozone in this study is attributed to car 10 emissions, but we can't ignore the pollution created by the 11 millions of tons of concrete that will be used to erect 12 these gigantic wind turbines and the emissions from the 13 trucks transporting concrete to the work site. The 14 standard --

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20 SPEAKER KUPERSTEIN: Hello. My name is 21 Christopher Kuperstein, C-H-R-I-S-T-O-P-H-E-R, 22 K-U-P-E-R-S-T-E-I-N. 23 What I say tonight I have to preface by saying 24 that I'm an affected landowner, and it does not reflect my 25 employer or any other organization that I may associate 1 with. 2 I reside, by my calculation, as one of the closer 3 residences to these wind turbines. The closest four 4 turbines will be placed approximately three quarters of a 5 mile to one mile from my house. 6 During the pandemic, great care was taken in 7 saving the lives of citizens of Washington State. Part of 8 this care was to listen to experts who were experts in 9 pandemic and in disease and developing mitigating measures 10 to protect people from the disease. 11 I submit, for the record, an expert medical 12 doctor, Dr. Nina Pierpont, who earned her Ph.D studying the 13 effects of existing wind turbines on existing people. This 14 book titled Wind Turbine Syndrome details medical impacts of 15 varying types on real people by real turbines. 16 On page 20, I read the chief recommendation: 17 Two kilometers or 1.24 miles remains the baseline shortest 18 setback from residences and hospitals, schools, nursing 19 homes, that communities should consider. In mountainous 20 terrain 2 miles, 3.2 kilometers, is probably a better 21 guideline. 22 My first recommendation is that for this project, 23 that EFSEC follow her advice. Instead of the turbine 24 placement being one-half of a mile from a nearest residence, 25 as the current IEIS suggests, that a buffer of two 1 kilometers or 1.25 miles be placed between turbines and the 2 nearest residence so as to minimize the health impacts to 3 those affected residents. 4 Thank you for your time.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 7 SPEAKER CLONINGER: Hello. My name is Mary 8 Cloninger, M-A-R-Y, C-L-O-N-I-N-G-E-R. 9 I am not as eloquent as the people that have 10 been -- that are previous to me, and I do not have a lot of 11 information. But I'm a native Tri-Citian, born and raised 12 in this vicinity, and I am against building the wind farm in 13 the Horse Heaven Hills. They are a blight and an eyesore on 14 our beautiful hills. The construction will cause damage to 15 the ecosystem and cause dust pollution in our air in town. 16 The energy produced is not very much, and it's not 17 worth destroying our landscape. It is not clean energy. It 18 uses oil. It leaks oil into the dirt, and it kills birds 19 and disrupts wildlife. And I don't know if anyone has ever 20 done a study on what the vibration would do to our basalt, 21 and I would suggest that something like that happen before 22 you make any decision. 23 Thank you for your time.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 1 SPEAKER KELLY: Good evening. My name is Art 2 Kelly, A-R-T, K-E-L-L-Y. 3 We are very blessed to have sufficient and 4 reliable power via hydroelectric power and nuclear power 5 here in our region; therefore, projected amount of massive 6 land for this project is not warranted at this time for 7 windmills to be constructed. 8 There's no guarantee that whatever power that can 9 be generated will not be sold to California, Oregon, Canada, 10 or other territories or even benefit the Tri-City area. 11 What contingency plans are in place if Scout 12 Energy should by chance go bankrupt, federal subsidies are 13 depleted, et cetera? Who has the responsibility of removing 14 all these wind turbines and restoring the land back to its 15 original status? According to the Manhattan Institute, 16 windmills provide less than three percent of the world's 17 energy. Netherlands and Germany have come out with a very 18 progressive technology, using what they call tulip-shaped 19 small wind turbines that can be installed on private 20 property household, business, et cetera. They're extremely 21 quiet. They provide 20 to 50 percent more efficient energy. 22 They produce energy to power at least one-third energy of 23 consumption of a household. 24 There's also the issue of the recyclability of 25 windmill blades. I think we need to take advantage and 1 re-evaluate our other forms of progressive technology and 2 put this on the back burner. 3 Thank you for your time.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 6 SPEAKER SHARP: My name is Dave Sharp, 7 S-H-A-R-P. 8 The developer has stated that the Nine Canyon 9 project establishes a precedent for the proposed project. 10 That is not the case. Each of their turbines can produce 11 two to three times what an NC turbine can produce. 12 The number of turbines, the height of turbines, 13 the 25-mile expanse into the project, the amount of 14 generation, 100-plus miles of road, 110 square miles of the 15 project, and an apparent lack of respect for wildlife 16 corridors and habitat disturbance. There is no comparison. 17 Horse Heaven Project is another dimension. 18 Wind projects have been in Washington since the 19 early 2000s. Since that time, there have been nearly 2000 20 turbines installed over 20 projects. In all prior cases, 21 the developer respected wind industry practices, that sited 22 wind projects in rural areas away from high population 23 zones. 24 This project will have approximately five times 25 the population impacted as all other counties in the state 1 combined. This will be a disparate treatment of Benton 2 County. And what about the precedent that will be set if 3 this project is approved with a perceived bias, such as no 4 alternative builds and no subsidy of mitigation or a lot of 5 unresolved issues being solved by a team separate from the 6 main process? Future process -- future projects will 7 motivate developers to bypass local officials and use EFSEC 8 for every project with sloppy, nonspecific applications and 9 expecting approvals with minimal mitigation. Developers 10 study previous applications, and they study the decisions 11 that EFSEC makes. Those decisions guide how they approach 12 and present a new application. 13 We are hopeful that EFSEC does not set a new 14 precedent with their decisions on this project. This is a 15 slippery slope. I hope that you recognize that. Since I 16 have a couple minutes -- or a couple seconds, jobs -- the 17 real number of jobs from the application is 450 and 18 approximately --

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 22 SPEAKER KRUPIN: Good evening, everyone. My 23 name is Paul Krupin. That's P-A-U-L, K-R-U-P-I-N. 24 I am a retired environmental protection specialist 25 with the BAN (inaudible) well-used law degree, over 40 years 1 of work experience in the Pacific Northwest, and I live in 2 Kennewick, Washington. 10 SPEAKER KRUPIN: I did submit my comments, and 11 I'll -- I'm just going to read from them. Okay. 12 So on Tuesday, yesterday, President Biden said 13 that climate change is a bigger threat to United (inaudible) 14 than a nuclear war. And Governor Inslee is on record 15 committing to (inaudible) on greenhouse gas emissions. 16 I have really serious doubts about the underlying 17 need for this project and whether it can really contribute 18 to any of these problems, you know, with meaningful 19 solutions. What does the best science really tell us? How 20 are we going to identify the good projects from the bad? In 21 other words, I cannot -- I respectfully want to cooperate to 22 following the recommendation of EFSEC with concurrence of 23 the governor in cooperation with the tribes and the local 24 counties and cities (inaudible) commission with exceptional 25 people who are appointed to independently investigate 1 studying (inaudible) difficult and complex problems caused 2 by climate change. 3 The members of this commission -- community 4 commission should be selected using the best and the 5 brightest approach to ensure independence from political 6 influence and authority. The commission should utilize 7 their expertise and experience to consider and evaluate 8 size-based limits and then issue scientific and 9 project-specific findings and recommendations which can yet 10 be used by decision makers. 11 The commission should be charged with identifying 12 (inaudible) and evaluating the validity of the purpose, 13 meaning and underlying premises of energy projects. The 14 revision also evaluated project proposals and alternatives 15 proposed by (inaudible). 16 No formal action should be taken by EFSEC or the 17 governor until the findings and recommendations regarding 18 the validity of this purpose, meaning the projects, can be 19 provided by the commission. This commission should then 20 prepare a report (inaudible) presentations, take public 21 comments and then file these findings and conclusions that 22 protect recommendations for consideration (inaudible) 23 legislature integrated federal, state, tribal, local 24 government agencies, tribal governments, public stakeholders 25 and the public.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 5 SPEAKER STOLLE: Good evening. Clark, 6 C-L-A-R-K; Stolle, S-T-O-L-L-E. 7 Thank you for the opportunity to voice my 8 opposition to the proposed project. My family's lived in 9 the Kennewick area for over 70 years. We shared a feeling 10 of pride with the Horse Heaven Hills, believing that they 11 should be preserved as much as possible as part of the 12 heritage of our area. 13 Allowing this project to be built at the proposed 14 locations has long-term consequences that will cause 15 significant and irreparable harm to the environment and 16 overall quality of life for an urban area of over 300,000 17 people. 18 There are two options proposed for this 25-mile 19 long project running along Horse Heaven Hills' ridgeline. 20 244 turbines of up to 500 feet or 150 of up to 670 feet 21 tall. Both create visual impacts that cannot be mitigated. 22 This is not a visually aesthetic wind farm turning 23 away in the middle of nowhere. It's an industrial complex 24 of enormous proportions of many components and impacts. 25 These towers are going to be taller than a 60-story 1 building. The Space Needle, Statue of Liberty, Washington 2 Monument. I think you get the picture. They're big, and 3 they're very visible. If approved, our community will be 4 forced to live within eyesight of the towers, and no one who 5 lives here or visits can escape seeing them. 6 I feel the EIS does not perform balance and 7 serious analysis of the impacts that will be so detrimental 8 to our community. It glosses over tough economic issues and 9 impacts on tourism, quality of life, land value, aesthetics, 10 recreation and future development. It fails to discuss the 11 backlash wind farms are facing in California and other 12 states. And there's no discussion regarding alternative 13 locations in Benton County, Eastern Washington, or other 14 states. It also appears the project will have no positive 15 impact on climate change or carbon emissions in Washington, 16 and any power generated is likely to be sent out of state. 17 Scout selected a poor location far too close to a large, 18 growing urban area, and our community should not have to pay 19 the price for this bad decision. It can and should be 20 located further from urban areas. Please deny this project. 21 Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 24 SPEAKER H. FAURHOLT: Good evening. My name 25 is Harvey Faurholt. H-A-R-V-E-Y, Faurholt, F as in Frank, 1 A-U-R-H-O-L-T as in tango. 2 I'm a resident of Kennewick, and I've been a 3 resident of Kennewick for about 50 years now. There was 4 something humorous, I saw it on - - so serious -- reading on 5 the news off my iPhone. And they were talking about, they 6 lost about seven whales on the East Coast. And they're 7 worried that the wind turbines are causing the death of 8 whales, and it's getting an awful lot of attention. And I 9 was thinking maybe if we were whales, we would get more 10 attention than we're getting here by the State of 11 Washington. 12 We do not need more intermittent electricity in 13 Benton County. The electricity we have now is 90 percent 14 renewable, which is probably the best in the country, if not 15 the best in the world. When, and if, the wind turbines are 16 making electricity, the dams have to be shut down to 17 accommodate the wind turbines, which is not good for the dam 18 turbines. 19 The wind turbines should be placed where the 20 electricity is needed. California, the State of Washington 21 along the ocean, along the beaches, and I'm sure they would 22 be happy to have them. 23 When the wind turbines's useful life is completed 24 or something better comes along to make -- for example, if 25 something happened with -- with the -- without, excuse me -- 1 why I stop sometimes -- nuclear energy, then they will have 2 to be disposed of. But they are not -- they are not 3 biodegradable and will exist forever in the garbage dumps, 4 if they make it that far. They're an eyesore that we -- 5 that we will have to live with for the next ten, 20, 6 30 years, and then -- they have enough money to take them 7 down forever. 8 As for the unions and people who want to have 9 these put up, I can certainly understand their position. 10 They want jobs as long as they -- as long as they're union 11 jobs.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 17 SPEAKER V. FAURHOLT: My name is Victoria 18 Faurholt, V-I-C-T-O-R-I-A, F-A-U-R-H-O-L-T. 19 I am -- my head's just spinning. I listen to all 20 these people, and they've given so -- all the facts. Here 21 is an article from Forbes magazine June 15, 2021: 22 Washington State's Approaching Energy Crisis, Good 23 Intentions Gone Wrong? 24 The trouble stems from attempts to decarbonize our 25 society, but just getting rid of them without a realistic 1 plan to replace them can do more harm than good. 2 Wind power, I mean, I don't know who you guys are 3 talking to, but it is not very effective. In several 4 studies, it shows there is a projected capacity, but with 5 wind power, you don't get warmth in the winter -- you don't 6 get movement in the winter or in the summer when it's really 7 hot and it's really cold. The actual capacity is 8 seven percent. That means of 500, you get 500 milliwatts 9 out of 70 -- 7,100 milliwatts. 10 But what I really don't understand is this push on 11 us citizens. I mean, we have protections for animals. You 12 keep your animal in the car and you get a ticket. My cousin 13 had to go to court. You have - - not here. Doesn't matter 14 here. All these animals, doesn't matter. We have fines 15 against noise pollution, all kinds of aesthetic pollutions 16 doesn't matter here. These things are ugly. 17 We have neighborhoods here with rules and 18 regulations. Nobody cares here. We have individual, 19 personal help, like the man who was talking about COVID. 20 Nobody cares here. They do not care, and that is what is 21 just upsetting me. 22 And if --

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 2 SPEAKER BRUN: Okay. I'm Karen Brun, 3 K-A-R-E-N; B as in baker, R-U, N as in Nancy. 4 I'm opposed to this project. The quantity and 5 height of the proposed turbines and the proximity to a large 6 metropolitan area, plus smaller communities, is 7 unprecedented in Washington State, if not the entire 8 country. At two miles, 52.6 percent more Benton County 9 residents will be impacted 24/7 by this than the other nine 10 Washington counties combined where wind projects exist. 11 At four miles, 110 percent more will be impacted. 12 This is extremely disproportionate to the rest of 13 the state. Tri-Cities residents, including 40 percent who 14 are people of color, are being asked to sacrifice our 15 landscape, wildlife, habitat, and our way of life for the 16 benefit of those on the west side and beyond. This is 17 social and environmental injustice in the extreme. 18 Governor Inslee publicly stated at the recent 19 climate change conference in Egypt that he thinks nimbyism 20 has no place in Washington State. If that is his 21 philosophy, then why are 11 of the 13 EFSEC projects 22 completed or in the pipeline located east of the Cascades? 23 And how many applications did EFSEC reject because they were 24 to be located on the west side? 25 If Governor Inslee insists that citizens in 1 Eastern Washington accept the ecological disruption and 2 sacrifice of our lifestyles to forest of industrial wind 3 turbines and seas of solar panels, he needs to have more 4 justification than 100 percent clean energy bragging rights. 5 He needs to follow the science. 6 The Western Resource Adequacy Program has proven 7 that wind power in Washington has an effective capacity of 8 8 to 11 percent when it's needed most. What off-taker is 9 going to sign a contract for so little? 10 This project is going to cost much more 11 environmentally, socially, and economically than it will 12 ever return. One just has to follow the money to see who 13 truly benefits.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 19 SPEAKER BANNING: My name's Jeff Banning. As 20 a resident of Kennewick for over 20 years, I'm completely 21 against constructing a wind farm so close to our growing 22 community. Excuse me. There's no reason that this wind 23 farm needs to be sited at the southern border of the 24 Tri-Cities. Eastern Washington has plenty of unpopulated 25 open space available for these kinds of low density, 1 inefficient energy producers. 2 Appendix Q, Visual Simulations, figure 81 A and B 3 is what I would see every day as I drive to work, get 4 groceries, walk the dog, mow my yard, or look out of my 5 living room windows. 6 Instead of the greens of the wheat fields in 7 spring slowly fading into hues of yellow and brown over the 8 summer, my view would be dominated by over 20 spinning, 9 blinking monstrosities. Part of the Tri-Cities allure is 10 the open panoramic views of our vast shrub steppe ecosystem. 11 244 wind turbines would make a mockery of that. 12 If I bought a house within view of a wind farm, 13 then that would be a choice I made, knowing full well going 14 into the purchase. Placing the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm 15 at its proposed location is an insult to the many South 16 Richland, Kennewick homeowners who chose this area 17 specifically for the views of Badger Canyon and the feeling 18 of openness as you look out of your house. 19 I would much rather have a single, small modular 20 reactor nuclear plant built in the same general location 21 than hundreds of inefficient wind turbines and solar panels. 22 And SMR may not have as large a name plate generation value, 23 but we all know that wind and solar never generate their 24 name plate values. And a small modular reactor would give 25 you consistent electrical output, versus a variable nature 1 of wind and solar. In the winter, we can sometimes go weeks 2 with the low cloud base and no wind. There would be zero 3 output from the Horse Heaven Hills wind and solar generators 4 during those weeks. 5 In closing, if the State of Washington feels the 6 need to install renewable energy devices to meet carbon 7 emission reduction goals, they need to do it far away from 8 the major population centers of Eastern Washington. 9 Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 15 SPEAKER SELF: Yes. Kevin, K-E-V-I-N, 16 S-E-L-F. Can you hear me? 17 SPEAKER GRANTHAM: Yes. 18 SPEAKER SELF: Okay. Here I go. 19 (Inaudible) draft EIS. The draft EIS lacks 20 critical information as required by law to inform all 21 effective stakeholders. This incomplete draft is not 22 allowed the proper review, which places the opportunity to 23 comment at a disadvantage. 24 The draft EIS states the applicant would develop a 25 final restoration plan. By not providing this plan, the 1 stakeholder cannot comment on how it's going to be 2 implemented. 3 When referring to a requirement or a plan, the 4 draft uses the non-committal word "would" rather than 5 "will." It uses it 5,200 times throughout the document. 6 My personal objections to this project: We built 7 our home in Badger Canyon 12 years ago. We moved here 8 because of the openness, the country feel with endless views 9 of rolling hills and unmatched sunsets. We may not have the 10 trees like the west side, but our rolling hills and 11 wide-open views are equally as beautiful and irreplaceable. 12 My objection to this project is 100 percent due to 13 the adverse visual effects. The thought of looking at these 14 towers on our hilltops and the destruction of the natural 15 beauty and the surreal settings is unthinkable. Our views 16 will forever be destroyed by the windmills scattered on our 17 ridgelines with 600-foot towers will make our views look 18 like an industrial park, similar to the pumpjacks in 19 Bakersfield, California. 20 This project is all about politics. EFSEC became 21 an independent state agency on June 30th, 2022. State 22 legislature passed the bill to authorize the change as an 23 important step to achieve Governor Inslee's carbon neutral 24 goals by 2045. 25 Most of the 7 point 70 million (sic) 1 Washingtonians aren't aware of how or why it was changed. 2 This new law was requested by the office of the governor to 3 modernize EFSEC, giving them the authority to preempt all 4 aspects of certification and regulations of energy 5 facilities. Our locally elected officials representing our 6 city and county offices have no authority under this law. 7 We, the people, have been stripped of our right to be 8 represented. 9 Now EFSEC has the power to come into any town in 10 our state and overrule local government. This is a result 11 of a governor who has an aggressive green agenda that can 12 only be achieved with radical measures (inaudible) Central 13 and Eastern Washington are paying the price by forcing these 14 projects into our backyard. 15 The poorly prepared draft...(pause).

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- 02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 18 SPEAKER DICKENSON: Thank you. I'm Marilyn 19 Dickenson, M-A-R-I-L-Y-N, D-I-C-K-E-N-S-O-N. 20 I am not in favor of this massive, intrusive wind 21 turbine project. Build nuclear plants, they are clean and 22 provide consistent, stable energy. 23 Thank you.
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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 1 SPEAKER MINELLI: I am Pam Minelli. P-A-M, M 2 as in Mary, I-N-E-L-L-I, and I'm a Kennewick resident. 3 Many are asking, Why does the applicant want to 4 cover over 100 square miles of the scenic Horse Heaven Hills 5 with up to 244 whirring and flashing wind turbines as tall 6 as Seattle's Space Needle? Why here, when wind projects are 7 usually placed in remote, rural locations? 8 In chapter 1, page 5 of the DEIS, the applicant 9 lists commercially viable above-average wind speeds as one 10 reason for selecting the Horse Heaven Hills. 11 To the contrary, a study by the Western Resource 12 Adequacy Program, or RAP reports Washington-based wind power 13 provided the lowest effective capacity of the Western U.S. 14 and British Columbia during December into February. And 15 that during the hottest months, August and September, 16 Washington wind capacity again declined. 17 In other words -- cut, the wind doesn't blow 18 enough here. 19 The DEIS lists area landowners' willingness to 20 participate in the project as another reason for selecting 21 the Horse Heaven Hills, but fails to recognize the objection 22 of local residents, Benton County commissioners, city 23 councils, other elected officials, and more. 24 Despite the science and local opposition, the 25 applicant is committed to building this inefficient project 1 that is too close, too big, and too tall. It's too close 2 with 100,000 people living within six miles of the Horse 3 Heaven turbines. That's compared to about 19,000 people 4 within six miles for all the other projects in the state 5 combined. 6 Instead of trees, 150 to 244 Space Needle-sized 7 wind turbines with red flashing lights will be visible 8 without the -- throughout the Tri-Cities and by tourists 9 visiting our famous wineries. It is so big that Washington 10 Department of Fish and Wildlife fears it is impossible to 11 effectively mitigate the environmental risks it poses to 12 sensitive wildlife and some of the last remaining shrub 13 steppe habitat in the state.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 19 SPEAKER GRENGS: Excellent. My name is 20 Patrick Grengs, P-A-T-R-I-C-K, G-R-E-N-G-S. 21 Speaking as a 30-year resident of the Tri-Cities 22 and owner of 40 acres of farmland here in West Richland, I'm 23 here to make clear my statement against any construction 24 related to the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm. 25 First and foremost, wind turbines are not 1 economically viable. Wind power is intermittent, as we all 2 know. Every watt of power produced by wind must be 3 supplemented by back-up sources including hydro, nuclear, 4 and a mix of hydrocarbons. At a minimum, this doubles the 5 cost of wind power. 6 Second, wind power is neither green nor 7 sustainable. The wind blades must be replaced every 20 to 8 25 years as a result of stress-fractured degradation. Most 9 of the turbines in the Columbia Gorge were installed during 10 the period of 2005 through 2015, and many of these will need 11 to be replaced starting in 2030. 12 Recycling is not an economically viable option. 13 Wind power is simply not sustainable. Instead of 14 desecrating our beautiful landscape in Eastern Washington, 15 we should focus our efforts on preserving the fully green 16 and clean hydropower that's in operation, as well as advance 17 the build-out of safe nuclear reactors. I submitted 18 additional comments via email to EFSEC. 19 In summary, I'm opposed to the Horse Heaven Hills 20 Wind Project. Thank you.

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Q1. **First and last name** Rylan Grimes

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 1 SPEAKER GRIMES: Okay. My name is Rylan 2 Grimes. R-Y-L-A-N, G-R-I-M-E-S. 3 I'm a lifelong resident of the Tri-Cities, and I'm 4 a representative of the IBW Local 112, and we represent 5 1,300 electricians in Southeastern Washington that would 6 greatly benefit from the jobs that will be created by this 7 project. 8 My brothers and sisters of IBW 112 have been at 9 the forefront of green energy production, including a recent 10 repower at the Vansycle Wind Project in Athena, Oregon, 11 successfully extending the life of the towers down there. 12 My brothers and sisters built the first wind and solar 13 project in America that could put power on the grid 24/7 14 through battery storage in Lexington, Oregon, last year. 15 Low cost power is the key to attracting new industries to 16 the area, and we need the supply -- we need the supply in 17 any form it takes. 18 My brothers and sisters depend on a steady stream 19 of construction jobs, and denying this project not only deny 20 them these jobs, but future jobs, as well, as industry turns 21 away from the area. 22 I understand a desire to build this project far 23 from view, but I would ask those opposed how long their 24 commute to work is. Many of my brothers and sisters drive 25 an hour and a half one way to work every day. This would be 1 a welcome change of pace for many of them. 2 IBW Local 112 and I support this project. 3 Thank you.

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Q1. **First and last name** Darrell Osborn

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 6 SPEAKER OSBORN: Yes. Darrell Osborn. 7 D-A-R-R-E-L-L. Last name Osborn, O-S-B-O-R-N. 8 Okay. What I would start with, at the beginning 9 of this call we took a roll call. What I noticed absent was 10 anybody representing public health. And I call that to 11 attention, both the audible and inaudible effects on nearby 12 locales, and the well-documented cases in other areas in 13 which they are finding neurological conditions and other 14 things that have been continued to be researched and trying 15 to attribute exactly where these seemingly new conditions 16 are arising from, which just happen to be nearby wind farms. 17 This has happened in the mainland all over the US and as far 18 out as Hawaii and the North Shore. 19 Secondly, we talk about some of the goals of the 20 county and our public lands, kind of designation goal No. 3 21 is conserve visually prominent, naturally vegetated steep 22 slopes and elevated ridges at the Columbia Basin landscape 23 and our nuclear product of the ice age. That's a goal. I 24 don't believe that this project maintains that goal of 25 preserving the landscape. 1 Another note in the document is that this is four 2 miles south of Kennewick. I'm not sure exactly the point 3 they used in Kennewick, but as Kennewick continues to 4 expand, as someone already previously noted, this is upwards 5 of three quarters of a mile from residents. And as we 6 continue to expand out the Badger Canyon area in helping 7 developments continue to grow, I'm all for clean energy, 8 just not at the expense of the residents and the way of 9 life. 10 I commute a long ways. I don't think a shorter 11 commute is a good reason for a couple of electricians to 12 damage our environment and our infrastructure. 13 Thank you for having me.

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Q1. **First and last name** Jason Lohr

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 18 SPEAKER LOHR: J-A-S-O-N, L-O-H-R. Thank you 19 all for having me. 20 I think what I'd like to talk about is, I am an 21 electrician. I've lived here most of my life, and I'm -- 22 it's depressing to hear so many of my fellow citizens 23 belittle and diminish my profession and those of nine 24 percent of our citizens here locally. We account for about 25 nine percent of workers and a heck of a lot more than that 1 of the economy. Construction is a great deal of our economy 2 out here. 3 I hear a lot about, these jobs are temporary. 4 Construction is temporary. I build things, and then they're 5 built, and then I go build something else. My job is 6 important. All of our jobs are important. I do not think 7 it is a genuine, viable argument that jobs aren't important 8 because they won't last for ten years. It is a huge portion 9 of our economy and is the way myself and an awful lot of 10 people feed our families. So I really don't like hearing, 11 Who cares about a couple of electricians, particularly from 12 elected officials. 13 Now, with the rest of my time I guess I'd like to 14 bring up a couple of weird things I've heard. I recommend 15 you Google wind turbine syndrome because all the results are 16 basically, it doesn't exist. 17 Do solar panels vaporize birds mid flight? No. 18 That's absurd. 19 I have worked in wind and solar projects. I find 20 it interesting that there's a bunch of people that looked up 21 some things that would confirm their bias on the Internet, 22 and we haven't heard from anybody who is an expert in any of 23 these fields. 24 I have worked in these places. I haven't seen any 25 dead birds. I haven't seen any huge environmental impacts. 1 I've seen crops growing right underneath these things, and I 2 personally think it's unacceptable for a couple of 3 homeowners to move to the edge of the city and point out 4 their kitchen window and say, That's it. Nobody ever gets 5 to build anything there because I bought a house over here.

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Q1. **First and last name** Valerie Miller

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 12 SPEAKER MILLER: Hello? Okay. This is 13 Valerie Miller. My name is V-A-L-E-R-I-E, M-I-L-L-E-R. 14 I just want to first say I am just so amazed at 15 the effort that our community members have put in to really 16 researching and studying what is going to go into this 17 windmill project. I mean, it takes a lot of time and 18 resources to do that. 19 I know I've been doing my best, and I'm a busy mom 20 of four. And I'm very concerned because these are going to 21 go up in our backyard, and I've never heard of such a big 22 wind farm ever. So this is very new to everyone. 23 And the gentleman that just spoke, no one -- no 24 one is downplaying jobs or electricians or diminishing what 25 they do, but the concern for the rest of the citizens is how 1 sustainable these are, how reliable they are. 2 I mean, everything I have read, there's no -- no 3 one's been able to recycle these materials, so I don't 4 understand how they're considered green for energy. I mean, 5 it doesn't seem like anything about them is green. I mean, 6 I'm concerned that if we look far enough down the road, 7 these things are going to become landfills and skeletons in 8 our community and eventually could create, basically, a 9 ghost town with all the effects that it creates. I mean, 10 nobody really knows. Right? 11 And I understand that I don't have the skills or 12 knowledge about all that goes on with our environment, but 13 from what I read in the EFSEC study, it sounded like the 14 study didn't come up with a good reason why the wind farm 15 shouldn't be in either. And that's a concern to me because 16 that's what the government is going to be reading. Right? 17 And so I really hope that EFSEC will help us to 18 help them understand these concerns that we all have and 19 that we want to create something that's going to be 20 sustainable for all of us for the future, you know, looking 21 far enough down the road --

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 5 SPEAKER J. MILLER: So, you know, my biggest 6 concern on this project is, again, it seems like it's a 7 project that well may provide some initial short-term 8 benefits. 9 The long-term repercussions of the project could 10 be disastrous. You look at some of the projects in other 11 areas of the country, such as in California and on the east 12 coast. Many of these states no longer allow these big 13 projects to even occur because they've seen the detriment of 14 long-term impacts. 15 I mean, you look in Southern California, these 16 huge farms that are now wind farms that are now, in a large 17 part, non-functional, because the long-term implications of 18 what they were doing were never completely thought through. 19 If you were to do any type of a project like this, 20 there needs to be a guaranteed -- basically, a 21 responsibility of the company, where they have to dismantle 22 these if they don't work or if they're not in use for a 23 certain period of time. And that money needs to already be 24 collected, so it's not something they could pay in the 25 future; it's guaranteed that they will take care of their 1 own waste. 2 Again, as has been mentioned before, the wind 3 blades are highly toxic, can only be placed in a couple of 4 different landfills in the country. This is not something 5 that is easily taken care of. 6 These windmills have a very limited lifespan. 7 They don't last forever. They last for, usually, a little 8 more than a decade or two at best based on a lot of the 9 research. And again, you're going to create large areas 10 that have significant environmental impact, and that doesn't 11 even go into some of the impact on the animal species in 12 this area, the migratory patterns and things along those 13 lines. 14 So I'm strongly opposed to this project, as I see 15 the detrimental impact it has on the community, particularly 16 in the long-term. It is enormous. And particularly on our 17 environment, these are an environmental disaster; once these 18 things are no longer functional, trying to figure out what 19 to do with these toxic blades, these big eyesores, and 20 basically trying to figure out how to manage them. 21 So thank you very much for your time. I 22 appreciate everybody's effort.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 6 SPEAKER DECHTER: S-A-M, D-E-C-H-T-E-R. 7 I am opposed to the Horse Heaven Wind Farm 8 Project. The Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project proposes 9 construction operation of a combined wind and solar power 10 renewable energy facility only four miles south of Kennewick 11 and stretches for 20 miles along the Horse Heaven Hills. 12 The product of this project, electricity, will not 13 be used in the local area and will, in fact, most likely be 14 shipped out of Washington. Once construction is complete, 15 the high-paying jobs will cease. However, the several 16 hundred huge wind turbines, up to 500 feet or more tall, 17 will be around for many years negatively impacting the 18 citizens living nearby and the area's wildlife. 19 Final approval for the Horse Heaven Wind Farm 20 Project should rest with Benton County and other local 21 government agencies. This would more appropriately reflect 22 the desires, concerns, values and priorities of the local 23 community. 24 Similarly, determination of satisfactory 25 operational performance to meet permitted conditions and 1 operational parameters should be in the hands of local 2 agencies and not in the hands of the facility 3 owner/operator. 4 Second, if the project is allowed to proceed, it 5 should be moved away from the crest of the Horse Heaven 6 Hills and relocated southward, several miles toward the 7 Columbia River, where it will not be visible from the 8 Tri-Cities and will not present an eyesore to our citizens 9 and visitors. 10 Remember HD Wells' War of the Worlds when the 11 martians invaded. I am concerned for the wildlife that will 12 be displaced by construction and operation of this project. 13 I am concerned also for the birds that will be endangered 14 and destroyed by the operating wind turbine blades and will 15 have their historic flight patterns disrupted and breeding 16 grounds destroyed. 17 If we can fight to protect our salmon, we should 18 fight equally as hard to protect our birds and other 19 wildlife. 20 Our highly desirable scenic views, important to 21 local business and attractive to out-of-town visitors will 22 be lost. This will negatively impact the local and regional 23 economy through the loss of business, loss of visitors and 24 loss of revenue.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 6 SPEAKER MARTURANO: My name is Ross, R-O-S-S, 7 Marturano, M-A-R-T-U-R-A-N-O. 8 It's difficult not to incorporate all of the 9 thoughts already mentioned, so I just want to add some 10 additional thoughts. 11 I worked in Manhattan 35 years. Manhattan is 17 12 miles long. This project is 25 miles long. 13 of the 13 structures are taller than the skyscrapers in Manhattan, so 14 we are essentially creating a Manhattan along the southern 15 part of Kennewick County -- or Benton County. 16 Additionally, none of the power is required within 17 this area. We are 100 percent renewable in Benton County. 18 We do not use coal, {inaudible} hydroelectric, no natural 19 gas, {inaudible} to ten percent nuclear. No petroleum is 20 used in generation of the power. So we're essentially a 21 green community now. 22 So why would this project be put in this location 23 when it's not necessary locally? There's no insurance that 24 the power will be used locally, and it's strictly only a 25 profit incentive in doing this project. 1 So I'm strongly against this project for aesthetic 2 reasons and for common sense. And I thank you for your 3 time.

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6 SPEAKER MCDANIEL: Yes. Diane McDaniel. 7 D-I-A-N-E; last name is McDaniel, M-C-D-A-N-I-E-L. 8 My family moved to the Tri-Cities in 1973 when my 9 father was transferred here to work on the Ice Harbor Dam. 10 He was career Army Corps of Engineers. He would work on 11 dams throughout the west and up and down the Columbia and 12 Snake Rivers. 13 When Dad transferred to his next assignment, my 14 brothers and sisters and I would stay here. We would put 15 down roots, marry and have kids and grandkids here in the 16 Tri-Cities. 17 The growth of the Tri-Cities I've witnessed since 18 1973 is beyond incredible, and the past years have been even 19 bigger, although not always the best jobs for working 20 people. That's why we need to support new energy that can 21 power those good-paying manufacturing jobs. Most can't 22 afford the home on the hilltop. 23 What I ask of EFSEC is to include in their review 24 how the Horse Heaven Clean Energy Center's electricity would 25 contribute clean power to our local region needs. Many 1 folks like to complain, and we've heard a little bit on the 2 call tonight about California and others, BPA selling our 3 power, turning each other against outsiders. And, well, 4 let's just set that aside for now. 5 The truth is we need more of everything. My 6 family, we were dams, from the Libby Dam, to Ice Harbor, to 7 John Day, up and down. And we all worked on Hanford, but we 8 need more. And we need to attract new manufacturing to the 9 Tri-Cities area, and I think this project will help do that. 10 Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 15 SPEAKER GALES: My name is Greg Gales, 16 G-A-L-E-S. 17 And I speak in favor of this project. Like it was 18 said by the electrician earlier, Rylan Grimes, that it would 19 provide income for the local community. It would also -- 20 this project would also contribute an estimated 260 million 21 in new tax revenue for our community. 22 So I guess I don't understand the other comments 23 that -- why they wouldn't be in support of that to be able 24 to grow Tri-Cities. 25 So that's what I'd like to say is, I do support 1 the project. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 4 SPEAKER ZIMMERMAN: Hi, this is Graham. 5 Graham Zimmerman. G-R-A-H-A-M, Z-I-M-M-E-R-M-A-N. 6 I am a professional mountain climber and the 7 alliance manager at Protect our Winters. I've made first 8 ascents from Alaska to the Karakorum, feats that have 9 resulted in awards, including the gold medal of alpine 10 climbing, called the Piolet d'Or, and a role as the board 11 president of the American Alpine Club. 12 I also work full-time at Protect our Winters to 13 engage our over 200 athletes, creative scientists and 14 business leaders to mobilize the 15 million alpine 15 enthusiasts in the United States, which (inaudible) the 16 outdoor state, to advance non-partisan climate solutions 17 that protect all communities and the places that we love to 18 recreate. 19 I'm Zooming in today from Bend, Oregon, where I am 20 based, but I grew up in Edmonds, Washington, and the 21 beautiful Cascades is where I fell in love with climbing. 22 These days I'm in Washington frequently to visit my family 23 and to visit those incredible mountains. 24 I'm here on behalf of Protect our Winters, my 25 family and community in Washington to provide support for 1 the Horse Heaven Clean Energy Center. Having studied 2 glaciers in university and spent the majority of my life 3 exploring environments, I've witnessed the impacts of 4 climate change firsthand and the mountains worldwide, very 5 much including Washington. These impacts have crept into 6 the lower elevations in the form of wildfires, strong storm 7 systems and heatwaves. All of these have expanded the 8 climate issue to encompass massive impacts on community 9 health. 10 As you will see in our written public comment, 11 without utility scale projects like this, dramatically 12 decreasing snowpack and extended wildfire seasons will 13 continue to threaten Washington's \$6.3 billion outdoor 14 recreation economy and the health of all Washingtonians. 15 In conclusion, I urge you, on behalf of the 16 members of the outdoor state and all Washingtonians who 17 value clean air, community health and economic prosperity, 18 to move the Horse Heaven Project to its construction phase 19 and issue all pending approvals on the project. 20 Thank you.

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

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 23 SPEAKER STRECKER: Yes. Brent Strecker 24 B-R-E-N-T, S-T-R-E-C-K-E-R. 25 Benton County's been my home for over 50 years, 1 and my family live within one mile of the proposed turbines. 2 I enjoy outdoors and have hiked and biked the Horse Heaven 3 Hills my entire life. 4 I see first-hand the wildlife that will be 5 affected by the turbines. There's an owl couple that hoots 6 from our rooftops during the night, and I see hawks almost 7 every time out riding or biking. I generally see flocks of 8 seagulls or Sandhill Cranes and geese flyover year-round. 9 One time, this last December, the sky was filled with flocks 10 and birds for as far as I could see in all directions. Some 11 of the flocks had 500 to 1,000 birds in them, all headed 12 through the proposed turbine area. 13 Industrial wind turbines are not a novelty or a 14 celebration of -- symbol of the environmental virtue many of 15 Eastern Washingtonians who live within them as an intruding 16 presence along every path we travel in and out of our 17 community and as a backdrop to our favorite fishing, 18 hunting, hiking and sightseeing destinations. 19 The idea that my wife and I have to live within 20 this intruding presence of the forest and industrial wind 21 turbines in our backyard every time we step outside, day or 22 night, it's dispiriting and, frankly, downright depressing, 23 particularly when you consider that Washington state is 24 already one of the top renewable energy producers in the 25 nation and that unreliable wind farms will do little to 1 nothing to solve the real problem with increasing blackout 2 risk within our -- facing Washington State citizens. 3 There are many reasons the turbine towers over the 4 Tri-Cities are just wrong. For instance, my estimate, this 5 project would reuse around 20,000 gallons of oil annually, 6 but the reason -- the one reason that should be most 7 considered is the western reGENCY protection research 8 because it directly addresses how the turbines in our area 9 will operate. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 16 SPEAKER DUNN: Yeah. Good evening. Rick 17 Dunn. R-I-C-K, D-U-N-N. I'm the general manager of Benton 18 PUD and a longtime citizen of Benton County. 19 It's common sense to recognize the intermittency 20 and variability of the wind power is a significant 21 deficiency when the power grid is expected to deliver 22 continuous and uninterrupted electricity no matter what the 23 weather. 24 The question is, can you assign a number to this 25 deficiency? And the answer is yes, and utilities in the 1 Northwest have done it. In response to increasing risk at 2 Northwest power grid blackouts driven by rapid coal plant 3 retirements and no plans for reliable replacements, Benton 4 PUD joined a consortium of utilities in an effort, called 5 the Western Resource Adequacy Program, also known as WRAP. 6 One major objective of the WRAP was to adopt 7 common grid reliability planning and analysis standards, 8 including calculating what percentage of installed wind farm 9 generating capacity located in certain geographic areas can 10 be counted on when electricity demand is highest. 11 What the WRAP team determined is Washington wind 12 farms are expected to provide the lowest effective winter 13 capacity than any region analyzed, by a factor of more than 14 two to three depending on the month. In the worst case, 15 utilities who add Washington wind to their portfolio will 16 only be allowed to use eight percent of the maximum 17 generating capacity possible as credit toward their January 18 dependable supply inventory. 19 The 850 megawatt Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm 20 boundary area is over 72,000 acres, but the project would 21 only be credited by the WRAP for 68 megawatts of 22 January-effective capacity. It would take more than seven 23 projects the size of the Horse Heaven project to provide 24 effective capacity-based, single clean burning and 25 dependable natural gas power plant occupying 15 to 20 acres. 1 Utility engineers like myself have been backed 2 into a corner by politicians who are now designing the power 3 grid to their liking. There's no doubt wind farms are going 4 to be built. But if you still think the matters should 5 matter, Washington wind farms should be low on the list of 6 the alternatives, or in the case of the Horse Heaven Wind 7 Farm, removed from the list. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 12 SPEAKER BOSSE: Thank you. Mike Bosse. 13 M-I-K-E, B-O-S-S-E. 14 Developing the project's hybrid combination of 15 wind, solar and battery storage applications will create as 16 many as 930 jobs for skilled construction workers. Through 17 building of local access roads and foundations to support 18 the technology, the project will employ crane operators, 19 electricians and skilled laborers. 20 The project will be a significant source of 21 employment in the local area. The jobs required by this 22 project are high-paying, family wage opportunities. 23 Economic impact studies examining the projects estimated the 24 typical income per worker during the construction phase will 25 be \$113,500. That's nearly 60 percent higher than the 1 average regional compensation across industries and 37 2 percent higher than the compensation in the construction 3 industry for Benton and Franklin Counties. 4 The studies also show that a -- at full build-out, 5 the project could amount to at least 73 million in labor 6 income and 143 million in total economic output. Following 7 construction, the project will also create a combination -- 8 a combined direct, indirect and induced total of 56 9 long-term high paying jobs during the estimated 30-year 10 lifespan. 11 I'd also like to add that I'm happy to hear 12 there's so much support on this forum for nuclear power, as 13 that will probably be coming up in the near future as well. 14 Thank you for your time.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 2 SPEAKER SEUBERT: I already submitted 3 comments in writing, so I'll keep it short. 4 I agree with a lot of the comments against a wind 5 farm here, blinking lights and waste of space, when nuclear 6 power is a lot more efficient. But I'm also a local 7 paragliding pilot who flies on that ridge, basically, on 8 every opportunity that I get. The wind is very variable. 9 Sometimes it's way too strong; sometimes there's absolutely 10 no wind, which, you know, affects wind power generation 11 probably as well. 12 But I'm also concerned about the effect of the 13 turbines on paragliding pilots. Not the risk of getting 14 hit, per se, but how much turbulence is after the turbines; 15 how much does the winter ones affect, you know, the wind, 16 downwind of the buildings. 17 That was not addressed in any of the comments in 18 the environmental statement, at least I haven't seen it. 19 They mention a lot of paragliding spots, but none of those 20 spots are used, except for Kiona, which is right -- the same 21 which -- where the wind turbines are planned to be built. 22 So just something to keep in mind.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 25 SPEAKER ELGUEZABAL: Nope, you got it pretty 1 close. Cisco, C-I-S-C-O. Last name, E-L-G-U-E-Z-A-B-A-L. 2 Thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. 3 I'm the business manager of Labors Local 348. I represent 4 over 1,200 hardworking men and women in Eastern and Central 5 Washington. 6 Horse Heaven Clean Energy Project will result in 7 approximately 1,000 local union construction jobs, 56 8 long-term family permanent jobs. 9 Scout Clean has also committed to the use of a 10 apprenticeship utilization for 15 percent of labor hours. 11 We already have trained, qualified men and women to do the 12 renewable projects, so we are in full support of this 13 project. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 16 SPEAKER WALKER: Good evening. Russell 17 Walker, R-U-S-S-E-L-L, W-A-L-K-E-R. 18 I commend this council on the thorough analysis 19 visual impact included in the DEIS for the Horse Heaven 20 Clean Energy Center. This approach is based on a factual 21 and sound methodology, a forthright accounting of how the 22 project's visual impacts will vary widely in different 23 distances between key observation points. A clear 24 mitigation measure is to avoid and minimize the most 25 significant potential visual obstructions. 1 This impartial science-based approach is needed, 2 particularly considering many of the emotional and 3 inaccurate appeals that have been made about the project. 4 It is true that individuals may have a difference 5 in opinion about what our region's landscape ought to look 6 like. It's also true that wind turbines are prominent 7 features which will be seen by many, may elicit subjective 8 reactions. But by relocating the project's proposed 9 turbines in the foreground areas of non-participating 10 residents and other sensitive viewing locations, the counsel 11 is ensuring the most significant impacts will be mitigated. 12 It is also important to clarify that the proposed 13 project layout keeps much of the turbans out of sight from 14 key population centers. This has been demonstrated through 15 several visual simulations which demonstrate where the 16 turbines would be in relation to specific viewpoints, but 17 the current mitigation strategies identified by the DEIS, we 18 need best practices for minimizing view shed impacts. Any 19 reactions raised from the project's visual impacts should be 20 considered subjective. They were also very widely based on 21 distance and viewpoint. 22 These differences and opinions certainly shouldn't 23 raise the standard of further regulatory intervention. I 24 highly encourage this council to carefully balance these 25 dynamics against a significant contribution to the Horse 1 Heaven Clean Energy Center, which will make for achieving 2 our state's climate agenda, curbing the impacts of climate 3 change and achieving the region's clean energy goals. 4 Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 9 SPEAKER TOMINEY: Okay. Kathryn Tominey. 10 K-A-T-H-R-Y-N; Tominey, T-O-M-I-N-E-Y. 11 I'm supporting the program, the combination of 12 wind turbines, solar and high capacity storage batteries. 13 It's a great combination. It's not the only solution, but 14 it will certainly help the area. 15 I came here from college in February of 1968, 55 16 years ago. So I've lived here 55 years, and, yes, there are 17 lots of things that look different now than they did then. 18 Drive from Bend to the Columbia River, drive from Manastash 19 Ridge to Cle Elum, drive from Walla Walla and you'll see 20 wind turbines. World did not come to an end. 21 It is -- I hope the EIS will put some information 22 into -- regarding the existing implemented recycling 23 technology for wind turbine blades. It's not a maybe. It's 24 being done as we speak. 25 I also hope the EIS will address or cover the 1 potential of the solar panels to support farmers who want to 2 implement agrivoltaics. And many -- many of the speakers 3 may not have focused on this, but the owners of the land -- 4 farmers -- will also benefit from the steady stream of 5 revenue from electricity to stabilize their farming coms and 6 make it easier for them to stay on the farm. I grew up on a 7 farm, so I know something. 8 That's all I have to say. I think it's a good 9 idea, and I hope it proceeds. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 17 SPEAKER BUCKMASTER: Thank you for your time. 18 Barbara Buckmaster. B-A-R-B-A-R-A, Buckmaster, 19 B-U-C-K-M-A-S-T-E-R. 20 Pleased do not allow Scout Clean Energy to ruin 21 our most beautiful Horse Heaven landscaping by constructing 22 wind turbines. 23 I own 200 acres -- a 200-acre farm that borders 24 the base up the hills where the turbines are proposed to be 25 erected. I really do worry that this will lower the value 1 of my property for years to come. I'm concerned about the 2 flashing lights that will be nothing but a nuisance at 3 night, and they are monstrous eyesores. 4 And I truly believe they will affect our habitat, 5 and so goes the list of our complaints. I was strong -- I 6 was approached by Scout Clean Energy when they first came to 7 our community hunting for a pathway to transport their power 8 to the power grid. And truly, at first it seemed like it 9 was a great idea, says this country is working to clean up 10 our environment. 11 Once I really started to look into this and after 12 legal advice and advice from community developers, I felt it 13 was best that I ran, and I ran fast. 14 I do not feel Scout Clean Energy has this 15 community in heart. What they have at heart is the 16 opportunity to line their pockets and the pockets of their 17 investors. 18 They came to our area scouting for a sweet place 19 to install their turbines, and what -- that we really don't 20 need at this time. We have an abundance of power. We have 21 nuclear power and we have hydropower already in this area, 22 and when the time arrives when this community needs support 23 from -- our community will support anyone when it's time 24 that we really need the extra power. 25 But why? Why do we need to agree to this when we 1 really do not need this windmill in our area at this time? 2 Oh, sure, yes, everybody, I've heard you. We will have 3 extra jobs.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 10 SPEAKER KNUTSON: Kathryn Knutson, 11 K-A-T-H-R-Y-N, K-N-U-T-S-O-N. 12 From the research I've done, I think that the 13 Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm will have negative consequences 14 for the endangered Washington state ferruginous hawks and 15 the sensitive areas the hawk needs to be able to hunt and 16 nest in. 17 And as I stated before in my previous comments 18 submitted to you, the Horse Heaven Wind Farm has no 19 meaningful compensation proposals, nor any real mitigation 20 efforts for the negative effects suffered from the proposed 21 wind farm for the hawk. 22 So please do not approve this industrial-sized 23 wind farm, the endangered Washington state ferruginous hawk 24 should not be sacrificed to meet the green energy goals set 25 forth by Washington State. 1 In addition, the US Wildlife Service estimates 2 that between 140,000 and 500,000 bird deaths occur at wind 3 farms each year. And the most significant threat is posed 4 to species of the large threatened and high conservation 5 value birds such as the Washington state ferruginous hawk. 6 In addition, my farm is within a couple of miles, 7 probably less, of this massive wind farm, and my farm is in 8 a conservation reserve program for the ferruginous hawk. 9 So that's why I have concerns about this -- of 10 this massive project and how it's going to affect what I'm 11 doing. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 24 SPEAKER HERKE: Okay. My name is Barbara 25 Thompson. B-A-R-B-A-R-A, T-H-O-M-P-S-O-N. 1 I am against the turbine intrusive wind turbine 2 project. I heard the gentleman speak a little bit earlier 3 about how they parasail, paraglide off of Heaven Hills, and 4 I can attest to that because they've landed in my backyard. 5 And we actually have a lot of paragliders who use Horse 6 Heaven Hills to recreate in. 7 The other -- I've already submitted most of my 8 comments, but one of the things that blares out to me is 9 that all of the wildlife and protected species, in the 10 1990s, a whole logging industry was shut down for the 11 spotted owl, and I don't understand how all these rules can 12 be submitted and changed to put in a wind farm, solar farm, 13 and willy-nilly make these changes. 14 So later on in an agricultural area like this and 15 they put in an industry like that, it -- political climate 16 changes in the state to be able to go and put other 17 industries in agricultural areas. 18 And I'd also like to know about the economics of 19 it, since they've been building wind farms -- 2004, there is 20 a number that popped up in one of the articles that I was 21 reading that they spent \$90 billion on wind farms, and yet 22 they only contribute seven percent of our nation's total 23 electrical energy needs. Their lifespan is only 10 to 20 24 years, and at the end of their operation, they have to be 25 decommissioned, all tracked to the midwest and buried in 1 special landfills. 2 I don't understand nuclear power --

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 9 SPEAKER BAKER: Thank you. Carl Baker.
10 C-A-R-L, B-A-K-E-R. 11 And I'm in favor of the project. I'm pretty 12 sympathetic to the concerns that have been raised,
but I do 13 think that the involved landowners and the business 14 involved, you know, should be able to get to use their 15
resources to make money and engage in economic activity in 16 our community. So I don't -- I don't see any -- that we 17
have enough negative effects from this project to stop it. 18 So that's all I have to say. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 25 SPEAKER LIESKE: Okay. First name Lloyd, 1 L-L-O-Y-D; last name Lieske, L-I-E-S-K-E. 2 I am not in favor of this oversized, badly located 3 wind turbine proposal. It's located on prime land, prime 4 farmland. We need to be savoring and relishing the 5 bountiful farmlands in Benton County. These lands are 6 highly productive and will be even more valued as 7 populations worldwide continue their explosive growth. 8 Two weeks ago the editorial page in the Tri-Cities 9 made the statement that the Tri-Cities would be giving up 10 way too much if they go for the wind farms. 11 What would they be giving up? They would be 12 giving up beautiful vistas that support a wine industry and 13 tourism. They would be giving up views that we relish. 14 They would be giving up the migratory birds that use the 15 Pacific flight path over that area. They would be giving up 16 far more than most people realize. 17 It's funny. The Endangered Species Act has not 18 been mentioned tonight. The ferruginous hawk falls into 19 that, and I believe there's a burrowing owl that falls into 20 that. 21 The Tri-Cities already does have abundant 22 electricity. We don't need these wind farms, so why are 23 they put here? It just does not make sense. I fear that 24 one bad decision can lead to another. 25 The governor and Patty Murray did their own study 1 on the removal of the Snake River dams. They stated 2 alternative power generation must be in place first, before 3 the dams can be removed. The four Snake River dams provide 4 1,000 megawatts of electricity. The proposed wind farm with 5 solar panels produces 1,150 megawatts. It can happen. 6 Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 11 SPEAKER LEWIS: Okay. My name is Ted Lewis. 12 T-E-D, L-E-W-I-S. 13 I agree with all my neighbors who are against this 14 wind farm project. It's ill-conceived -- it's an 15 ill-conceived plan, and it's going to do more harm than 16 good. We don't need it, and we don't want it.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 22 SPEAKER J. LEWIS: Okay. For all of the 23 reasons -- I'm sorry. (Inaudible) right here with his 24 tablet, so I'll start over. 25 For all the reasons expressed by those opposing, I 1 am adamantly against this massive, intrusive turbine wind 2 project. 3 We need to encourage more nuclear and hydropower 4 projects. Many of the new jobs mentioned at the beginning 5 will be numerous, but will be reduced drastically after the 6 project is completed. Again, I am adamantly opposed to this 7 project. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 10 SPEAKER STRICKER: Good afternoon. My name 11 is Derrick Stricker, D-E-R-R-I-C-K, S-T-R-I-C-K-E-R. 12 My family and I are not in favor of this massive 13 intrusive wind turbine project. The future growth of our 14 growing MSA is confined by the Columbia River, which leads 15 to the future commercial and residential growth along the 16 southern boundary of the (inaudible). 17 This project not only interferes, it stops the 18 ability of our economy to grow in this region, which will 19 severely hurt our supply and demand for population growth, 20 economic prosperity and free market principles. 21 As a young professional, I'm already planning and 22 working towards what best helps our community by 2050. This 23 project impacts our future negatively and diminishes the 24 history that will be built here in Tri-Cities. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 2 SPEAKER BARNETT: Charles Barnett. 3 C-H-A-R-L-E-S, B-A-R-N-E-T-T. 4 I'm strongly against this Horse Heaven Hills Wind 5 Farm Project. I'm a licensed pilot and enjoy many hours of 6 updraft flight along the proposed area of this project, as 7 do many large birds and migratory birds that soar along that 8 ridgeline. 9 This project would prohibit my enjoyment and that 10 of the birds of prey and their natural desire to soar and 11 hunt for food. I fear that many birds will be killed and/or 12 injured because of this project. 13 Next, I live in Benton City, Washington. I'm 14 about a mile and a half from the project. We have 40 acres 15 there. I've lived there for 50 years. The visual 16 aesthetics for this project will lower my attitude and my 17 property value. 18 The movement of the blades during the day and the 19 flashing lights at night will be very distracting and 20 unnatural to the area. 21 This project does not benefit the US manufacturers 22 that send our -- that send our tax money overseas. 23 The power is not slated to be used here locally. 24 It's set to go away from the area. And yet the people that 25 are using the power doesn't want it in their backyard. 1 That's why they want to put it in our backyard. It just 2 doesn't make sense to me. 3 I'm strongly against this project. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 14 SPEAKER WIRTH: Okay. It's Dan Wirth, D-A-N, 15 W-I-R-T-H. 16 And regarding the Horse Heaven Wind Farm, my 17 opinion is this country needs all the clean energy it can 18 produce, whether it be wind, solar, thermal, hydroelectric 19 or nuclear. I am not discounting the continuing need for 20 fossil fuels until we can transition to 100 percent clean 21 energy. 22 In regard to the Scout Windmill Farm, my opinion 23 is to use the larger windmills in fewer numbers at the 24 farthest distance feasible from view. I do not feel that 25 they will cause a detrimental effect to the environment or 1 animal habitat. The benefits of the wind and solar farm 2 will outweigh any negatives.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 10 SPEAKER ATKINS: Okay. First off, I'd like 11 to talk about the water issues. On table ES-5 it talks 12 about traffic, transportation of traffic and not being much 13 of an issue. But there is a letter from the Port of 14 Walla Walla saying that they can support the Horse Heaven 15 Hills Wind Project with 40 water trucks per day. And it 16 doesn't state how many gallons these trucks are, and it 17 doesn't state a route they take. So that is a significant 18 impact to the community. 19 Also on table ES-3-B, it says waste water is 5,000 20 gallons per day, but it doesn't state how they're going to 21 get rid of that. So there should be something -- it also 22 states ENR-5, they're going to capture and recycle wash 23 water. They should have a plan for that. And as I stated 24 though, the water trucks will come from Wallula, Dodd Road. 25 That's a (inaudible). 1 Regarding the shadow flicker SF-2, it has a 2 one-year complaint line to be reassessed after one year; 3 that's if you have a complaint, you can call in and they'll 4 log it down. Well, if they're going to log it down, they 5 should give a log number to the person who is calling in to 6 complain so that they can follow up with EFSEC and be sure 7 the log -- the issue is being addressed. 8 The other thing is, who is going to have oversight 9 of this project? With all these mitigation issues, somebody 10 needs to be oversight of what's going on. Who is going to 11 pay for that oversight? Washington residents. 12 And how are we to know that Scout Energy is being 13 honest and truthful, because when you look at -- Washington 14 state should have full and control power over all these 15 mitigating issues. That means to stop what they're doing, 16 to halt the project to make sure they're in compliance.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 24 SPEAKER GUSE: Judy Guse, J-U-D-Y, G-U-S-E. 25 Who will be liable when there's a turbine fire 1 that spits oil-laden debris over vast areas igniting further 2 fires and spewing smoke and fumes from dangerous chemicals 3 for miles into the atmosphere, uncontrolled or managed. 4 Fires from turbines are extremely toxic. Who knows what the 5 ultimate damage these toxic plumes will be to people, 6 particularly to children and the elderly and to wildlife and 7 fish and rivers and streams. 8 Because of the turbine height, the fire department 9 crew can do little but watch it burn itself out. Our county 10 doesn't have a fire department with resources, knowledge or 11 equipment to fight a fire on a 671-foot tall turbine in a 12 desert where there are copious amounts of tumbleweeds and 13 dried grasses that burn rapidly and spread quickly to 14 surrounding homes. Hundreds of acres can be consumed in a 15 single turbine fire, and just one fire incident can cost up 16 to 4.5 million to contain. 17 Who will be liable for the damage to crops, the 18 loss of human life, homes and animals? 19 We are dealing with high voltage machines called 20 aerogenerators high in the sky, operating with hundreds of 21 gallons of oil and lubricants subject to fires. Research 22 suggests that one of the main ignition sources for fires in 23 turbines is lightning strikes. 24 We have a lot of dry lightning strikes in our 25 area. Our area is a high fire risk because of our desert 1 climate, where our vegetation is a primed tinder box for 2 fire in the summer. 3 Wind developers provide no protection to 4 individuals or communities that have these wind projects 5 imposed upon them with lack of control, regulation and 6 protection for people, animals, landscapes and communities. 7 There is no universal fire protection guideline that is 8 enforceable. Any other industry would be and is required to 9 have much more accountability. There needs to be fire 10 protection in place that will put out a turbine fire before 11 it spreads to nearby homes. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 17 SPEAKER POLEHN: Okay. It's Jeanie, JEANIE; 18 last name Polehn, P like Paul, O like orange, L like Linda, 19 E like Edward, H like Henry, N like Nancy. 20 And I have submitted these comments to EFSEC 21 already, but I want to bring out that I have not seen 22 anything in the EIS where they have contacted Washington 23 State Farmland Preservation. And we're going to be losing 24 that farmland, and we need that -- the farmland to eat, 25 folks. And the contamination of that farmland with 1 (inaudible), which become hazardous materials and cannot be 2 removed from those soils, so it will be basically poisoned. 3 We'll have the loss of visual scenery. No photos 4 are provided in that EIS of actually seeing what the 5 homeowners will see, as well as their -- the loss and 6 valuation of their property. 7 And then we have blowing dust, where we can't even 8 see the streets and the houses across from us. And this 9 will add to that blowing dust scenario and impact people's 10 health and cause health issues. 11 Also, I haven't seen anything on tectonic movement 12 of the areas where the wind turbines will be located. I 13 haven't seen that it's been adequately tested for or 14 anything like that in there. 15 And then wind turbines do not provide on-demand 16 power 24 hours a day, seven days a week so it does not 17 interrupt the current power system. And it will also raise 18 the cost of electric power, and that hasn't been dealt with. 19 On separate from the EIS, the funding for the 20 decontamination and decommissioning of the project needs to 21 be looked at.

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- 02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 2 SPEAKER GUSE: Yes. I just want to say that
3 I'm not in favor of this massive wind project.
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- Q1. **First and last name** Jose Loera
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- Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No
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- 02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 9 SPEAKER LOERA: Wonderful. So I -- let me 10 spell my name first. J-O-S-E, last name Loera, L-O-E-R-A. 11 I've lived in Tri-Cities for over 35 years. I've 12 watched this community grow into just a beautiful, vibrant 13 community, and I see absolutely nothing positive with this 14 wind farm coming in the Tri-Cities. 15 From my perspective, it's going to be detrimental 16 to our wildlife. It's going to be detrimental to our scenic 17 views. The jobs that they're talking about are going to be 18 short-term and only going to be there while they build the 19 project, and afterwards, our jobs are going to be minimal, 20 is my understanding. 21 And then finally, the power company locally is 22 saying this isn't something that we need for this community. 23 So I absolutely have to say this is a hard no. 24 Not interested in the wind farm in Tri-Cities. Thank you.
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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 7 SPEAKER P. LOERA: P-A-T-R-I-C-I-A; last name 8 Loera, L-O-E-R-A. 9 I would like to voice my opposition to this 10 project. I strongly believe that this wind farm project is 11 of no benefit to our beautiful local community. 12 My main objections are, what is the negative 13 impact it will have on our wildlife, our birds, migratory 14 and otherwise, and our beautiful natural vistas. Simply 15 stated, this is too big of a project. It's too close to too 16 many people, and it will impact so many people. 17 Our community is growing every day, and this is 18 not the place to build a big, giant wind farm project so 19 close to metropolitan areas. We need to protect our rural 20 natural habitat and Tri-Cities. Thank you.

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- 02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 1 SPEAKER WARD: Yes, this is Dana Ward, 2 D-A-N-A, W-A-R-D. I'm the conservation chair for the Lower 3 Columbia Basin Audubon Society situated in the Tri-Cities. 4 My comments will be strictly to the biological 5 resources. Thank you for allowing me to make a comment. 6 The seriousness of climate change and the 7 resulting impact to human life, the environment and welfare 8 of the earth relies on intelligent actions to limit carbon 9 emissions from fossil fuels and other sources. The 10 construction of solar arrays and wind turbines are important 11 steps to slow or even reverse global warming. 12 The Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society supports 13 well-planned solar and wind turbine projects, but they must 14 be sited reasonably, they must take into account, as a 15 minimum, biological habitat and biological resources that 16 would be impacted. From our review of the DEIS, it falls 17 well short of attaining this goal. 18 To allow the adequate environmental review, the 19 final EIS for the Horse Heaven Hills must include a specific 20 site design identification and analysis of reasonable 21 alternatives that minimize or eliminate impacts to the 22 environmental resources such as disappearing shrub-steppe, 23 avian species such as ferruginous hawks and burrowing owls, 24 as well as prey species such as (inaudible). 25 In a broader sense, the EIS must address the 1 likely environmental impacts associated with specific siting 2 decisions and specific mitigation measures with associated 3 performance measures that address the regional impacts to 4 birds, mammals and plant populations and their habitat 5 connectivity. 6 We have submitted 20 pages of specific comments, 7 and we have a review of four issues the DIS does not provide 8 enough information to analyze likely environmental impact. 9 Issue 2. The draft environmental impact --
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- 02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 20 SPEAKER MATTSON: I'm Lori Mattson, L-O-R-I, 21 M-A-T-T-S-O-N. I'm president and CEO of the Tri-City 22 Regional Chamber of Commerce. 23 As the fifth largest chamber in Washington, 24 representing over 900 businesses, ranging from sole 25 proprietors to the largest employers in the bi-county 1 region, we urge EFSEC to consider our community's voice in 2 this proposal. 3 The state energy strategy asserts that public and 4 community participation is important to ensure energy policy 5 is informed by local knowledge, meets local needs and is 6 viewed as legitimate by the local community. 7 By the state's own analysis, this region's 8 hydroelectric and nuclear power is 93 percent non-emitting, 9 and impacts a substantially smaller footprint with several 10 times the effective load carrying capacity. 11 This project would be just a few miles from a 12 major population center of 300-plus thousand residents. The 13 size and scale is inconsistent with the Benton County Land 14 Use Plan, inconsistent with the character of the surrounding 15 land use, and at the height of the Space Needle, these 244 16 wind structures would create an incredible barrier to our 17 local economy. 18 Recreation and tourism provides over \$500 million 19 annually to our local economy. Suggested mitigation to 20 recreation and tourism impacts amount to suggestions that 21 regional partners wholly identify new recreational 22 activities. 23 Suggested light and glare mitigation strategies do 24 not account for the vast difference in scale that the 25 proposed turbines are from existing installations 1 encompassing 72,000 acres of land and exceeding the Space 2 Needle in height area surrounded by no other infrastructure 3 of the same height and number. 4 Please consider the negative impacts to the 5 Tri-Cities and recognize that this project is not informed 6 by local knowledge, does not meet local needs, and is not 7 viewed as legitimate by the local community.
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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 10 SPEAKER FEARING: Doug Fearing, D-O-U-G, 11 F-E-A-R-I-N-G. 12 I am adamantly opposed to this project. I'm a 13 74-year community resident, and I'd like to address a few of 14 the claims regarding wind farms and their impact. 15 We hear claims made about how many houses a 16 particular wind farm will power. Maybe it's 1,000 or even 17 2,000. The truth is if the wind isn't blowing, they won't 18 even power one house. 19 Claims are made that wind power's economical to 20 produce. I've read wind turbines will never make it to the 21 breakeven point, energy production versus cost during the 22 life of the generator. We hear that wind power is a great 23 energy source. Well, so is lightning. But they both share 24 a common problem called reliability. 25 We'll hear arguments tonight about the jobs this 1 wind farm will create. Earthquakes, tornadoes and tsunamis 2 all create jobs. The creation of jobs, in and of itself, 3 has nothing to do with the merits of wind energy as a power 4 source. 5 I understand this project means income, but I ask 6 our union workers to take a hard look at our -- their 7 community and consider the fact that these are short-term 8 jobs with long-term results, results that disfigure our 9 community, destroy our skyline and essentially and 10 effectively will shut down one of the only true corridors 11 for growth the city of Kennewick has. 12 The Horse Heaven Hills are not scablands. They're 13 occupied by farms and numerous multi-million dollar homes 14 and is prime view property. The undisputed fact is that 15 building these machines near a residential area severely 16 devalues property and homes. 17 Windmills aren't built on national monuments or in 18 parks because why? They're an eyesore. If these wind 19 turbines are built along the crest of Horse Heaven Hills, we 20 might as well build a big wall here with a sign hanging from 21 it saying, Here's where Kennewick ends. 22 This last year I spoke at a public meeting --

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 3 SPEAKER DROLLINGER: Yes. My name is Dave 4 Drollinger, D-A-V-E, D-R-O-L-L-I-N-G-E-R. 5 I'm here to simply state that I'm adamantly 6 opposed to this project. I think it's just another good 7 old-fashioned boondoggle like this country has seen off and 8 on since its inception. And I think it's also, 9 unfortunately, a virtue-signaling scheme to make people feel 10 good. 11 We've got -- this type of energy is hugely 12 inefficient. Nuclear power is much greener, much more 13 prolific of an energy producer or of magnitude greater. 14 What this project would do, this -- like the gentleman 15 before me said, that the only growth Kennewick has is to the 16 south, and all of that is prime real estate property whose 17 property values are going to be incredibly devalued because 18 of their existence. And there's hardly a way to put a price 19 on it, but it will be, over the course of 50 years, easily 20 in the tens of millions of dollars. 21 And so the bottom line is this project is not 22 necessarily for here or any other place in the country, and 23 the -- the appearance of it is like a graffiti, and it's 24 graffiti that the proponents and who's going to benefit - - 25 the few that are going to benefit from this, they wouldn't 1 want this graffiti on their home or their neighborhood any 2 more than we want it. Thank you.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 5 SPEAKER JOHNSON: Hi, I'm Ira Johnson. 6 I-R-A, J-O-H-N-S-O-N. 7 And I am against this scam. That's what it is; 8 it's a scam. Take all the pros that we've heard tonight and 9 all the cons for and against, and there's no reason for 10 these to be put anywhere, let alone our backyard. 11 They do -- first off, they're made in China, 12 people. Why are we making another country rich? Why don't 13 we make them here if you're going to make them. 14 They're not recyclable. Where you going to put 15 the junk? Do like China? We send them our garbage, they're 16 going to take it out to sea and dump it; then it'll wash 17 ashore? 18 It's not dependable. They wear out. And mainly, 19 they're not cost effective. If it wasn't for us taxpayers, 20 the federal government, subsidizing those things, they 21 wouldn't be put in. If they're so dependable and so cost 22 effective, let that engineering company who wants to put 23 them in, put them in at their expense and we'll see if it 24 happens. It won't. 25 This will affect banks, this will affect 1 investors, and most importantly us taxpayers who are here 2 faced with the consequences. 3 Now, of course, you can justify anything. You've 4 got to realize, I'm from Texas, and I learned years ago from 5 a guy named Billie Sol Estes, who sold fertilizer tanks and 6 they didn't even exist. So you can sell and justify 7 anything, but I beg you to take and pray over this when you 8 make your decision. 9 Thank you so much for letting me speak.

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02/01/2023 Horse Heaven DEIS Public Meeting Transcript Verbal Comment 15 SPEAKER BRACY: Travers Bracy, T-R-A-V-E-R-S, 16 B-R-A-C-Y. 17 I'm not going to say anything that hasn't already 18 been said by most of the people on this call, but I'd just 19 like to point out that community members that have talked 20 and pointed out their opposition are all from around here. 21 The people who seem to be for this wind project all seem to 22 be from -- not from around here, especially the union 23 members who have been put up and given the canned speeches 24 and talking points by their international organization. 25 There's plenty of job opportunities for 1 electricians, contractors, construction workers in this 2 industry -- in this area, and this wind farm won't even be a 3 drop in the bucket. There's electricians that are looking 4 for jobs, union and non-union, all the time, and there's 5 plenty of work for them. So that's not a justifiable excuse 6 to put this wind farm in. 7 The best argument against that I've heard tonight, 8 that I'd like to reinforced, is the lack of water and a good 9 plan for where they're going to -- how they're going to get 10 rid of these windmills when they're all worn out. 11 Another thing that I haven't heard tonight is the 12 antelope population has been reintroduced to the Horse 13 Heaven Hills. It's grown greatly in the last few years. 14 It's pretty awesome to see the herds up there. When you 15 drive through the roads and the farmlands, you'll see them 16 grazing along, very good environment for them. So that's 17 another impact to the environment that these constructions 18 and windmills will impact. 19 I don't know any other animal population that 20 lives under windmills, but I just urge the committee to do 21 the right thing and turn down this proposal. Thank you.

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