

From: [Mike Minelli](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: A Turbin's View From The Horse Heaven Hills
Date: Saturday, November 12, 2022 3:42:55 PM

External Email

To: The Members of EFSEC

The attached photo is at the hub height of 400 ft for the GE 5.5MW Turbine looking toward the Tri Cities from a ridge in the Horse Heaven Hills. The applicant states in their application 2.2.1 page 9 : Turbin Visibility approximately 87% of the area located within 5 miles and 83% of the area within 10 miles would be visible. The Tri Cities and surrounding area population is approx. 300,000.

The applicant's photos grossly underestimates the visual impact on the Tri Cities.

Photo Courtesy of David Troyan



From: kmbrun@gmail.com
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Horse Heaven Wind Project DEIS Release
Date: Monday, November 14, 2022 3:54:56 PM

External Email

From: Karen B
Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 10:12 AM
To: sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov
Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Project DEIS Release

Ms. Bumpus, I am writing to you asking that the Draft EIS for the HH wind project be delayed until after January 2023 and that the public comment period be extended to 60 days.

Your staff has been working on this for months. The Benton and Franklin County residents, the ones impacted by the largest project of its kind in Washington if not the entire U.S., should be extended the courtesy of adequate time to review what is purported to be a very extensive document. Scheduling the public comment period over the biggest holiday season of the year is unfair and unreasonable. Put yourself in our shoes - how would you feel? I beg you to reconsider.

What is the big rush? You've already given Scout two extensions so pushing the release through now smells of a deliberate attempt to thwart public comment.

Karen Brun
105506 E. Tripple Vista Drive
Kennewick, WA 99338
509-628-0826

From: [Gaye Tesar](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Extend Draft EIS Release Date
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 11:38:17 AM

External Email

Dear Ms. Bumpus & Committee Members:

As an impacted homeowner, I request that you re-schedule the release date for the draft EIS for January 2023 and request a 60-day public comment period to give those impacted the most time to adequately review this massive industrial project.

Gaye Tesar
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Kennewick WA
(509) 440-0744

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From: [Judy](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: Sonia Bumpus - HHH Industrial Turbine Wind Project Questions & Requests , etc.
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 11:40:55 AM

External Email

I was recently informed that public comments should be sent to efsec@efsec.wa.gov rather than to a single member of the team in order to be documented. Not sure if this is true or not but just in case I'm forwarding my letter to Ms. Bumpus to efsec@efsec.wa.gov

From: goosie1515@aol.com
To: sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov
Sent: 11/7/2022 11:00:55 PM Pacific Standard Time
Subject: Sonia Bumpus - HHH Industrial Turbine Wind Project Questions & Requests , etc.

Dear Sonia Bumpus & Committee Members:

I have the following questions and requests:

1. The water source listed on Scout's application is the City of Kennewick (2-86: 2.62 + 2.6.2.2). I know that they are not the water source. Why hasn't this been corrected online? When people read the application, they are being misinformed. It's very misleading because people will obviously think the City of Kennewick approves this application since it's indicated that they are supplying the water which is untrue. The correct water source should be listed or if there is none, that should be indicated on the application.
2. It was stated during the EFSEC meeting (10.18.22) that there was a request for open public comments prior to this meeting and six comments were received. When was this public comment request made? Was an email sent out to people on your list? People I talked with didn't receive any notification.
3. Remarks have been made by numerous people that the comment period during the holidays is completely unfair. People are busy with attending parties, holiday meal planning, grocery shopping, making special dinners, shopping for gifts, wrapping gifts, decorating their homes, writing Christmas cards and letters and children are home on vacation adding even more stress, etc. Will EFSEC employees be on vacation during that time? Kathleen Drew said Scout's appeal for a 7-month extension was a reasonable request. Isn't it only fair and a reasonable request to give the public an extension for comments as well? There have been 2 requests by Scout for extensions; one on 2/8/21 and again on 9/27/22 and both were heartily approved by EFSEC. This is our first request for an extension after the holidays and for at least a 60-day comment period for a project as massive as this one.
4. Who will be responsible when there's a turbine fire? Which fire department has the equipment to fight this type of fire in a desert where there are copious amounts of tumble weeds and dried grasses that burn rapidly and will spread quickly to surrounding homes. Who will be responsible for the damage and the loss of homes and animals?
5. Concerning the Tri-Cities tour of the HHH project. Why weren't the local people allowed to ask questions of the applicant? We are the ones who will be most affected by this massive industrial wind project and we aren't given a voice? I think that's extremely unfair. We were told only council members could ask questions. Why? Who were the council members in attendance? Why weren't they identified so we all knew who they were? Another tour needs to be scheduled during better weather so you can

drive on the roads to the locations of the proposed turbines and the locals should have the right to ask questions.

6. Why is this proposed project located so close to people's homes? Why in the desert where it will be a dust bowl during construction and a fire hazard from the turbines with no way to put out a fire on a turbine the height of the Seattle Space Needle? A visit needs to be planned in the middle of summer when it's hot and dry so you are able to see the dangers of building a project like this in the middle of a desert. It would be much better to site this project off shore or on the east side where there is lots of rain and wind.

I look forward to your answers. Thank you for your time and consideration,

Judy Guse
104902 E Tripple Vista Dr
Kennewick, WA 99338

From: [Dana Morgan](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 11:49:01 AM

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I'm adding my voice to likely I'm adding my voice to likely numerous others to ask that EFSEC 1) delay release of the draft environmental impact statement on Scout Clean Energy's proposed wind project for Benton County until the new year and 2) extend the public comment period to 60 days.

Regarding the draft EIS release plan, and with EFSEC's best reputational interest in mind, releasing the draft just prior to the holiday season might be seen by critics of the project, and possibly local news media, as, at best, ill-thought timing and, at worst, a well-thought-out strategy to diminish public awareness and mitigate input. Regarding the extension request to 60 days, aside from the opportunity to encourage greater public participation in the process, an extension will demonstrate stakeholder equity vis-à-vis Scout's two previously approved extension requests, including their most recent appeal for a seven-month extension of their application for site certification.

Thank you for considering these requests, and for the dedicated work EFSEC employees have put forth to date to carefully manage an issue of great interest and importance to the residents of Benton County and the Tri-Cities area. numerous others to ask that EFSEC 1) delay release of the draft environmental impact statement on Scout Clean Energy's proposed wind project for Benton County until the new year and 2) extend the public comment period to 60 days.

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Dana & Rachel Morgan
19103 Yakitat Pl NW benton City Wa
99320

Sent from my iPhone

From: [PM Stauffer](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Draft EIS Petition
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 12:07:12 PM

External Email

DEIS for the Horse Heaven Windfarm project

I have been following the HH windfarm project for the last two years, following the local public hearings and also the EFSEC meetings. I have voiced my concerns at these meetings. Now we are close to the release of the draft Environmental Impact Statement and I am very concerned about the timing of the DEIS; with the holidays approaching, it is essential to give us an opportunity to read and understand the scope and impact of the planned wind farm, and to give all an opportunity to comment on the DEIS.

Please wait with the release of the draft environmental impact statement until the new year and allows a public comment period of 60 days.

Thank you for your consideration

Best regards,
Markus Stauffer

From: [Gene & Ruby Torrey](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Environmental Impact Study Scout Clean Energy
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 12:19:30 PM

External Email

Dear Committee Members

I am writing to request that you re-schedule the release date for the draft EIS for January 2023 and request a 60-day public comment period to give those impacted the most time to adequately review this massive industrial project.

We believe this is a reasonable request from those who will be most impacted by this project. We will see and live with the visual, financial and environmental impact of this development daily, monthly and for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Gene Torrey
1814 S. Jefferson Pl.
Kennewick, WA
509-396-9125

From: [Mark Morton](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: DEIS Request
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 12:45:57 PM

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See below for the HHH Wind Farm DEIS request for delay.

Dear Committee Members:

Please re-schedule the release date for the draft EIS for January 2023 and that the public comment period be extended to 60 days to give those impacted the most time to adequately review this massive industrial project.

At the EFSEC meeting on 10/18/22, EFSEC Chair Kathleen Drew said that the developer's (Scout Clean Energy) appeal for a 7-month extension was a reasonable request. It only stands to reason that the public in the Tri-Cities, who will be impacted the most by this massive industrial wind project, be extended the same courtesy. A delay in the DEIS release of a month and an extension for comments of 15 more days seems to be a reasonable requests in light of the delay that was granted to the developer. As you know, there have been 2 requests by Scout Clean Energy for extensions; both were heartily approved by EFSEC, and to my knowledge this would be the first delay requested for public interaction.

Thank You For Your Consideration,

Mark Morton
3262 Mt Adams View Dr, West Richland
509 727 2929

From: [John Williamson](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Fwd: EFSEC HHH Draft EIS Release & Public Comment Period
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 12:51:08 PM

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From: **John Williamson** <williamson.johnr@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Nov 9, 2022 at 5:56 PM
Subject: EFSEC HHH Draft EIS Release & Public Comment Period
To: <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>

Please re-schedule the release date for the draft EIS for January 2023 and request a 60-day public comment period to give those impacted the most time to adequately review this massive industrial project.

Sincerely,

John Williamson
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From: [gayle.graves](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Horse Heaven Hill wind farm project
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 1:14:47 PM

External Email

Dear EFSEC staff,

I respectfully request you postpone the environmental impact statement to respect the public time frame to respond to the statement. The expected release is right before the holidays and comment time would be impacted by not having a real opportunity to respond. Many citizens are still not aware of the project, nor the impact. The perspective window of release and respond time certainly is not a strategy that makes it favorable to support this kind of project.

This proposed wind farm is reflective of oversight regarding the Pacific Flyway, Shrub steppe destruction and associated construction initiating herbicide and pesticide down wind. All equal concerns on the heavy burden on the public to reflect and make known the wind farms impact that cannot be reversed.

Respectfully,

Gayle Graves

From: [Katherine Chung](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: EIS Draft
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 3:50:45 PM

External Email

Dear Ms. Bumpus & Committee Members:

Please re-schedule the release date for the draft EIS for January 2023 and allow a 60-day public comment period to give those impacted the most time to adequately review this massive industrial project.

Thank you,

Katherine Chung

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206 401 4974

From: [Dale Gergely](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Horse Heaven Hills Industrial Turbine wind project
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 4:28:45 PM

External Email

This email is to request that you please postpone the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the subject project until at least January 2023. I also request that the public comment period be extended to 60 days. As I believe I will be impacted by this project. The extra time will allow me to adequately review its impact on me and provide comment if necessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dale Gergely

86903 E. Haven View

Kennewick.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Bob Johnson](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Release of Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm DEIS
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 7:47:47 PM

External Email

I was recently informed that in order for our Horse Heaven Hills wind farm project letters to be documented on the EFSEC website, the letters need to be sent to efsec@efsec.wa.gov rather than to individual members of the team.

Therefore, I am forwarding my previous letter I sent to Ms. Bumpus to: efsec@efsec.wa.gov

Kind regards,

Robert A Johnson

From: Bob Johnson
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 11:33 AM
To: sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov
Cc: Judy <goosie1515@aol.com>
Subject: Release of Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm DEIS

Dear Ms. Bumpus:

I implore you to release the Draft EIS of the Horse Heaven Hills in early 2023, i.e., January, February, March and **NOT** in late November, 2022 as currently planned, and, if possible, to also extend the 30 day review period by at least 15 additional days.

This Scout Windmill Project DEIS will be far too complex and important to our lives to release it in December, which is hands down the worst month of the year to give all citizens ample time to thoroughly and completely review and respond to a report of this magnitude and life-long consequences!

IF it is EFSEC's motive to limit comments and input as much as possible from the people most permanently affected by this project, then the report will be released in late November/early December. If this happens, then it will be more than obvious that the EFSEC does not care about or respect the original purpose for which the EIS process was created and designed to accomplish: present the facts of both sides of the issue and not be governed or influenced/dictated by political ideology of a few politicians whom don't even live here. A Nov/Dec release of the report will also

demonstrate a complete and total disregard by the EFSEC of the thoughts and desires of the citizens of Benton/Franklin Counties.

Conversely, if the DEIS is released in early 2023, then the EFSEC will have demonstrated that they want the EIS process to function as it was designed and purposed – to allow us the proper amount of time and access to other industry professionals to help us present a complete and transparent response.

In summary, please keep politics out of this process; Gov. Inslee has made it clear on the results he wants BEFORE we, the people, have fully been heard. Let this process be ethical and morally administered on behalf of the EFSEC, showing decency and fairness in this process. After all, this is our home, where we live, work and enjoy life, which should be respected and not dismissed or taken lightly.

It is my opinion that we legally and morally deserve ample time to have a say in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert A Johnson
A 50-year resident and business person of the Tri-Cities
509-948-1878

From: keeweegirl@frontier.com
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Scout Clean Energy Wind Project
Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 7:31:17 AM

External Email

From: keeweegirl@frontier.com <keeweegirl@frontier.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 12, 2022 3:53 PM
To: 'sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov' <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Scout Clean Energy Wind Project

Good afternoon Ms. Bumpus,

We joint with many others to request the following:

EFSEC delays release of the draft environmental impact statement on Scout Clean Energy's proposed wind project for Benton County until the new year, and extend the public comment period to 60 days

Releasing the draft just before the holiday season seems to limit public awareness and input.

The extension request to 60 days may encourage greater public participation in the process.

Our sincere 'Thank You' for considering these requests, and for all the work that is being done to manage such an important issue for the Benton County residents and the Tri-Cities area.

Regards,
James & Linda Redding
25903 Country Meadows Lane
Kennewick, WA 99338
509-396-5016

From: [Marleen Lechelt](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Scout Energy project
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 12:10:43 PM

External Email

We are reaching out to you to ask that you wait until after the first of the year 2023 to release Scout Energy project for comment, releasing this during the holidays will cause undo stress and not give all the people that will be affected by this project a fair chance to do the research that we need to do with the time that is allotted . We ask equality be given to all parties affected.

Thank you ,
Randy and Marleen Lechelt
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Kennewick, Wa. 99338

Sent from my iPad

From: [David Bennett](#)
To: [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)
Subject: Regarding the release date for the draft EIS
Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2022 4:19:47 PM

External Email

Dear Ms. Bumpus and to all Committee Members,

I'm writing to ask you to please consider rescheduling the release date for the draft EIS for a date in January of 2023, and also provide a 60--day window for public comments, (especially those whose lives may be the most adversely affected by an industrial undertaking of this magnitude. The holidays are hectic enough, and around Christmas, with family gatherings and traditionally so much preparation involved, having the extra time to devote to thoroughly review and adequately comment on something like this is much more demanding than it would be in the first two months of the New Year when things have quieted down a bit.

Thank you for your careful consideration and attention to this matter.

Best regards,

David V. Bennett

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