



State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council



FACT SHEET

Horse Heaven Wind Farm Draft Environmental Impact Statement

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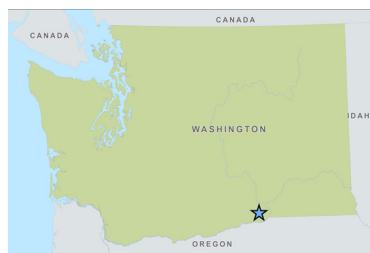
Abstract:

Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC (the Applicant) is proposing to construct and operate the Horse Heaven Wind Farm in unincorporated Benton County, Washington, within the Horse Heaven Hills area. The Project would consist of a renewable energy generation facility that would have a nameplate energy generating capacity of up to 1,150 megawatts (MW) for a combination of wind and solar facilities, as well as battery energy storage systems (BESSs).

Only the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative were carried forward for detailed analysis in this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). However, impacts associated with two turbine height/number options and three solar array sites are discussed individually when information or differences are known.

Project Location:

The Project is located approximately 4 miles south/southwest of the city of Kennewick and the larger Tri-Cities urban area, along the Columbia River.



Required Permits, Approvals, and Licenses:

EFSEC's Site Certification Agreement (SCA) preempts otherwise applicable state and local regulatory permits pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.50.110 and RCW 80.50.120. For informational purposes, Table 1.1-1 in the Draft EIS provides a list of these preempted state and local permitting requirements as well as federally delegated permits and requirements.

Authors and Principal contributors to the DEIS:

The Draft EIS was prepared at EFSEC's direction by its independent consultant, WSP Golder. Reports supporting the Draft EIS were completed by Golder Associates Ltd., and SWCA Environmental Consultants. Additional information on the authors and principal contributors is presented in Chapter 7 of the Draft EIS.

Date of Draft EIS Issuance: December 19, 2022

Date comments are due: February 01, 2023

Date, Time and Location for Public Hearings or Meetings: Information will be noticed to the public as it becomes available in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 197-11-535



Availability of the Draft EIS:

The document is available at no cost on the EFSEC website at: <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/horse-heaven-wind-project>.

To obtain a printed copy or CD or USB drive of the Draft EIS (for the cost of production), please contact efsec@utc.wa.gov or (360) 664-1345.

The document is also available as a reference at local libraries:

Libraries where an Electronic Draft EIS is Available:

1. Mid-Columbia Libraries- Kennewick Branch

1620 S. Union Street
Kennewick, WA 99338

2. Mid-Columbia Libraries- Keewydin Park Branch

405 S. Dayton Street
Kennewick,
WA 99336

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Prosser, WA 99350

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Point Plaza East
6880 Capitol Boulevard
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Date of Final Lead Agency Action:

After its evaluation is complete, EFSEC will submit a recommendation to the governor. If EFSEC recommends approval of the Facility, EFSEC will submit a draft SCA for the governor's signature. Within 60 days of receipt of EFSEC's recommendation, the governor may approve the Facility, reject the Facility, or direct EFSEC to reconsider the SCA. If an Application for Site Certification is denied, the proposal cannot be constructed and operated. The date of the governor's ultimate decision is not currently known.

Location of Background Information:

Documents regarding the SCA, scoping comments, public comments, land use, and adjudication can be found at <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/horse-heaven-wind-project>.

The website also contains data requests, relevant correspondence from the Applicant, EFSEC, and other interested stakeholders on various aspects of the Application for Site Certification review and EIS process and is regularly updated with such information.

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