

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of the Application of:

Scout Clean Energy, LLC, for
Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC,
Applicant

Docket No. EF-210011

PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
TERRY HEEMSAH SR.

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PREFILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF TERRY HEEMSAH SR.

Q Please state your name and tribal affiliation.

A My full name is Terry Heemsa Sr. I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (“Yakama Nation”).

Q What is your position with Yakama Nation?

A I am a member of the Yakama Nation Tribal Council. I am on the Tribal Council Timber-Grazing-Economic Development Committee, Fish and Wildlife Committee, Law and Order Committee and Cultural Committee.

Q What family groups or bands are you a part of?

A My father is from the Columbia River, Klickitat and Sk’inpam. My mother is from the upper Yakima River area.

Q Who has passed down traditional knowledge to you?

A My mother. What she gave me is what I'm carrying on and what I'm going on. She would tell me that "you might find yourself needing to take care of these things. It's up to you how you take care of it."

Q Can you explain the significance of the Horse Heaven Hills area?

A [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Q How would you summarize the impact of having wind turbines or solar arrays directly within or in close proximity to sacred areas?

A [REDACTED]

Q Have you reviewed the professional report created by Archaeologist Jessica Lally regarding the Project's potential impacts to cultural resources?

A Yes.

Q Did you participate in the interviews that form the basis of Ms. Lally's professional conclusions regarding the Project's potential impacts?

A No but I have discussed the report with Mr. Lally.

Q Is there any part of Ms. Lally's professional report that you disagree with?

A No.

Q Is there any additional information that you believe EFSEC should have when evaluating the potential impacts of the Project?

A The Yakama Nation and our Members are constantly bearing the brunt of economic interests. We have already paid the price of irrevocable damage to the Columbia River by the hydroelectric systems so that that Bonneville Power Company can obtain funds through a monopoly on power supply. There is information available about how many eagles have been killed by the wind farms in Goldendale. How many will be killed here as a result of this project?

My own family has experienced significant issues in access areas where we gather. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above testimony is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


Terry Heemsah, Sr.

6/7/23
Date