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Pre-Filed Testimony
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BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITING EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of the Application of:

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

DOCKET NO. EF-210011

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF TCC
WITNESS DEAN APOSTOL:
QUALIFICATIONS

I have a Bachelor’s degree in Landscape Architecture from Iowa State, 1977, and did graduate studies in Geography at Portland State University from 1987-95. I have attended or organized numerous conferences, training seminars, and programs, including in scenic resource impact assessment for the US Forest Service.

My career includes private sector consulting and public practice, totaling over 40 years. My areas of professional emphasis include scenic resource assessment, natural resource planning, landscape ecology and ecological restoration. I have run my own business and have worked for AECOM, an interdisciplinary company, and MIG, a Landscape Architecture, planning, and design firm with offices in many cities in the US. I worked 11 years with the US Forest Service, including as Head Landscape Architect for Mt. Hood National Forest. I worked for one year with the Bureau of Reclamation in California, and two years with the Army Corps of Engineers in Seattle. I have been on the adjunct faculty at Portland State, Oregon State, and University of

1 Oregon since 1997, and up until the present time at University of Oregon. Prior to
2 reentering private practice in 1997, I was chief landscape architect at Mt. Hood
3 National Forest. My work included having the lead role for management of scenic
4 resources and implementation of scenic resource management principles, and design
5 of several projects within the Columbia River Gorge.
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7 My clients have included numerous government bodies, non-profit organizations, and
8 private businesses including the Oregon Department of Transportation, the U.S.
9 Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Washington Forest Law Center, the
10 Forest Stewardship Council, Metro (regional government for the greater Portland
11 metropolitan area), Friends of the Columbia Gorge, and several private landowners
12 located within the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.
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15 I have co-authored four books, chapters in other books, and journal articles. In 2016 I
16 was lead author for the book "The Renewable Energy Landscape," Routledge Press.
17 This is a comprehensive book about the visual impacts of renewable energy, including
18 wind. It provides analysis and guidance for conducting visual impact assessments on
19 projects like what is being proposed at Horse Heaven Hills.

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21 I have provided expert witness review for other wind projects, mainly near the
22 Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. I have done scenic impact assessments for a
23 variety of projects, from roads to utility lines to wind energy development to timber
24 harvest. My work in the Gorge initially generated my interest in the visual impacts of
25 wind energy, which led me to developing "The Renewable Energy Landscape" with
26 top experts from across the US and world.