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TCC
Pre-Filed Testimony
Barbara Buckmaster
EXH-5601_T

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
ENERGY FACILITY SITING EVALUATION COUNCIL

In the Matter of the Application of:

DOCKET NO. EF-210011

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

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF TCC
WITNESS BARBARA BUCKMASTER

WITNESS

Q: Please state your name and address.

A: Barbara Buckmaster, 1600 Brantingham Road, Richland, WA 99352

Q: Have you prepared testimony regarding the Horse Heaven Wind Farm application?

A. Yes, my testimony is provided below.

EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit No.	Witness	Party	Description/Title
EXH-5601_T	Buckmaster, Barbara	TCC	PHOTOGRAPHS, Farmland vistas, 1600 Brantingham Road, Richland, Washington (Embedded below at pages 4 and 5)

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF TCC WITNESS
BARBARA BUCKMASTER - 1

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2 **TESTIMONY**

3 1. Please state your name, employer (if relevant) and home address.

4 Barbara Buckmaster, 1600 Brantingham Road, Richland, WA 99352. I also
5 own a 200-acre farm at 40405 E. Badger Road, Benton City, WA 99320 (with a farm
6 house on the land).
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9 2. Please briefly describe your work experience and qualifications.

10 Retired property manager.
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12 3. Please describe why you are testifying.

13 I'm testifying to help save this beautiful landscape, nature, and use of land for
14 generations to come.
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17 4. Please state the address of your home and the name of the neighborhood in
18 which it is located.

19 Barbara Buckmaster, 1600 Brantingham Road, Richland, WA 99352
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21 5. Please describe your opinion on the effect this project will have on the property
22 value of your home and other homes in the area.

23 I am not in favor of Scout Clean Energy's proposed construction of a major
24 wind farm on the ridges of the HHH. I own a 200-acre farm that borders the
25 base of the HHH where turbines are proposed to be erected. I worry this could
26 lower the value of my property, especially in years to come with urban growth.

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6 Please describe your opinion of any other issues or concerns you have about the project.

The flashing lights and the constant thumping of blades distorting the most beautiful, quiet, relaxing God-given serenity of nature, to be sacrificed to the monstrous eyesores (for decades to come) is plain heartbreaking.

I truly worry most about the wildlife. Just this spring at the farmhouse, there have been baby great horned owls, American kestrels, magpies, starlings, killdeer, Cooper's hawks, robins, and coyotes. This community will, for decades, be giving up the most gorgeous beauty of our HHH if we don't stand up to greed. I do not feel we need this extra bit of power. We have an abundance of hydro power, clean safe nuclear power, and solar power is becoming more available. I feel these turbines are for the greed of Scout Clean Energy, their investors, and cities and states far from our community. Why are we sacrificing this land for something that really does not benefit the Tri Cities?

These pictures are from the front and back of my farmhouse on Badger Rd. The picture taken on 9/23/22 with the corn is a morning shot with last year's crop. The other two were taken 6/8/23. The wind turbines will tower over my property.

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14 I am voluntarily supporting and coordinating with the local community non-profit
15 organization Tri-City CARES. I am here to share my concerns about the impacts the
16 Horse Heaven Hills Project will have on my home, property values, and the other
17 homes in my neighborhood and other similarly situated neighborhoods in Tri-Cities. I
18 acknowledge that I may be cross-examined during the adjudication hearings.

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20 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that
21 my testimony is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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23 Signed this 12 day of June, 2023, in Richland, Washington.

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25 Barbara Buckmaster _____ /s/ _____
26 Printed Name Signature