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Pre-Filed Testimony
Jeff Banning
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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 JEFF BANNING

Q: Please state your name, employer (if relevant) and home address.

A: Jeff Banning, 86715 E Haven View PR SE, Kennewick, WA 99338; 25 Years in the Tri Cities. My home is in the Summit View neighborhood of South Kennewick.

Q: Please briefly describe your work experience and qualifications.

A: I work for Pacific Northwest National Lab, Richland WA.

Q: Please describe your opinion on the effect this project will have on property values of your home and other homes in the area.

A: We are six years at current address. We have an unobstructed view to the south that looks into Badger Canyon and the Horse Heaven Hills. Part of the reason we purchased this home was because of the view.

1 The Horse Heaven Hills Wind and Solar farm would drastically change our view for
2 the worse. Instead of wide-open views, we would see 15 to 20 200' tall windmills
3 completely dominating the view. It would be ugly. And unnecessary.
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5 My personal opinion is that wind and solar "renewable" energy sources are not the
6 answer. They are too intermittent and waiting for the grid storage super battery to
7 alleviate the intermittency is a fool's errand. And they are very low-density energy
8 producers. How many acres will it take to replace a single natural gas turbine
9 generator? Thinking we can electrify everything in the United States, greatly
10 increasing our electric load, using wind and solar to make up the electrical generation
11 difference is nonsense. If we really want to go "net zero", small modular nuclear
12 reactors (SMR) are the only real solution. And I would support placing an SMR in the
13 Horse Heaven Hills area. As long as it is out of the majority of home's line of sight, it
14 would be OK by me.
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16 And the Tri-Cities does not need more electrical production. Between the hydro
17 power on the Columbia and Snake rivers and the Columbia Generating Nuke plant,
18 we are doing our share to produce electricity for the Pacific Northwest and California.
19 If some other community believes wind and solar is the right solution, let them build a
20 wind and solar farm in their community.
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24 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that
25 my testimony and reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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Signed this __12__ day of June, 2023, in _Kennewick WA _____.

Jeff Banning
Printed Name

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Signature