

1 TCC
2 Pre-Filed Testimony
3 William McKay
4 EXH-5610_R

5 BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
6 ENERGY FACILITY SITING EVALUATION COUNCIL

7 In the Matter of the Application of:

DOCKET NO. EF-210011

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

PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF TCC
WITNESS WILLIAM MCKAY

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12 Q: Please state your name and address

13 A: William (Bill) McKay, 3516 W. 46th Ave., Kennewick, WA

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

17 A. Yes, my testimony is provided below.

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

20 A: William (Bill) McKay, I am mayor of the City of Kennewick and own a small
21 business in Kennewick. The address is 3516 W. 46th Ave., Kennewick, WA.
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24 Q: Please briefly describe your work experience and qualifications.

25 A: I was born and raised on a dairy farm in Meridian, Idaho. I went back and
26 managed the farm after my 1st college experience and managed it until I realized I

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1 either had to get much bigger or do something else. While dairy farming, my wife and
2 I were named national chair couple of the National Milk Producers Federation Young
3 Cooperators Program. After that experience, I was appointed by the Idaho Governor
4 to the Idaho Dairy Products Commission. When I was a couple years from selling the
5 cows, I started getting my accounting degree from Boise State University. After
6 graduating with an accounting degree in 1995, I took a commercial lending job and
7 was in the banking until I retired in 2015.
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10 Q: Please describe why you are testifying.

11 I am voluntarily supporting and coordinating with the local community non-profit
12 organization Tri-City CARES, I am here to share my concerns about the impacts the
13 Horse Heaven Hills Project will have on my home, property values, and the other
14 homes in my neighborhood and other similarly situated neighborhoods in Tri-Cities.
15 My neighbors and I support the work being done by Tri-Cities Cares.
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18 Q: Please state the address of your home and the name of the neighborhood in which
19 it is located.

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21 A: My home address is 3516 W. 46th Ave., Kennewick, WA. We live in the Canyon
22 Lakes Heights Subdivision. The south border of our subdivision is the southernmost
23 developed property in Kennewick. This means that this proposed wind farm will
24 nearly be in our backyard.
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1 Q: Please state how long you have lived at this address and why you chose to live
2 here.

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4 A: I built our home in 2007 & 2008 and moved in December 2008. We chose this
5 neighborhood because the homes here were holding their value or appreciating faster
6 than other parts of town.

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

10 A: Because these ugly wind turbines will be very close to our home, there's no doubt
11 in my mind that they will have a large negative effect on our property values. I
12 definitely would not have built our home there if we would have had any idea that it
13 was a possibility. The electricity won't even be used in our area.

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15 Q: Please describe your opinion of any other issues or concerns you have about the
16 project.

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18 A: The electricity won't be used in our area, which would make them slightly justified
19 and I am concerned about the devaluation of our properties.

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

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24 Signed this 5 day of July, 2023, in Kennewick

25 William McKay /s/ _____

26 Printed Name