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Pre-Filed Testimony
Christopher S. Wright
EXH-5611_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 CHRISTOPHER S. WRIGHT

Q: Please state your name and address

A: Christopher S. Wright, 5502 Astoria Road, West Richland, WA.

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

A. Yes, my testimony is provided below.

Q: Please briefly describe your work experience and qualifications.

A: Former Geologist and Project Manager at Hanford. Currently I am a winemaker in Prosser, Washington.

Q: Please state the address of your home and the name of the neighborhood in which it is located.

1 5502 Astoria Road, West Richland, WA. I live in section 6 of Willamette
2 Heights in West Richland. I'm just below the summit of Flat Top Hill.
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5 Q: Please state how long you have lived at this address and why you chose to live
6 here.

7 A: I've lived in the Tri Cities for 32 years and at my current address for 16 years. My
8 wife and I moved here for more open space and the opportunity for a house with an
9 extensive view.
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12 Q: Please describe your opinion on the effect this project will have on the property
13 value of your home and other homes in the area.

14 A: From my house, I would see approximately 50% of the proposed wind farm. The
15 sight of approximately 125 six-hundred-foot-tall towers spinning on top of an existing
16 600-foot hill will be an overwhelming visual distraction. There will be constant blade
17 flicker when the blades are spinning. This is both an impact on my quality of life, and
18 in my opinion, will reduce the resale value of my property. A 24-mile eyesore on the
19 western horizon is not a strong selling point. The photo below is from my back porch;
20 the proposed wind farm would cover the entire ridge in the background. I believe the
21 project will make the area less attractive to tourists, which would affect my
22 employment.
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Q: Please describe your opinion of any other issues or concerns you have about the project.

A: In addition to the personal impact to my property, the fact that the proposed wind farm is 3 miles from Kennewick, would only operate 25% of time, creates only about 10 permanent jobs, would not reduce any CO2 impacts, and is opposed by approximately 80% of the population makes approval completely irresponsible. This area is already a net exporter of green energy; we don't need this abortion of a project.

1 I am voluntarily supporting and coordinating with the local community non-profit
2 organization Tri-City CARES. I am here to share my concerns about the impacts the
3 Horse Heaven Hills Project will have on my home, property values, and the other
4 homes in my neighborhood and other similarly situated neighborhoods in Tri-Cities.
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6 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington
7 that my testimony and reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and
8 belief.
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10 Signed this ___12___ day of June, 2023, in ___West Richland_____.

11 Chris Wright_____ /s/ _____
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