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Pre-Filed Testimony
James Fulton & Sharon Fulton
EXH-5614_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 JAMES FULTON AND
WITNESS SHARON FULTON

Q: Please state your name and address.

A: James and Sharon Fulton, 106206 E Tripple Vista Dr. Kennewick, WA 99338.

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

A. Yes, our testimony is provided below.

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

James Thomas Fulton III.	and.	Sharon Yvonne Fulton
106206 E Tripple Vista Dr.		Same
Kennewick, WA 99338.		Same
Fulton Management Solution LLC.		Retired

Q: Please briefly describe your work experience and qualifications.

1 A: We both grew up in the Yakima Valley, attended elementary and high schools in
2 Benton County and the State of Washington. We have lived and professionally worked
3 in Benton County, State of Washington for more than 45 years.
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5 Sharon has worked in the Banking and Home Mortgage Industry (20 years) prior to
6 starting her own home appraisal business, Mid-Columbia Appraisals Inc, which she
7 owned and operated for more than 14 years in Richland.
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10 Jim has worked for tier 1, Department of Energy Contractors at United Nuclear
11 Corporation; N Reactor Operations and Fuels Fabrication; and Battelle Memorial
12 Institute at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Jim has held a number of senior
13 level management positions with emphasis on Construction Project Management, Site
14 Planning and Development and Environmental Remediation. Jim has been the Sole
15 Member of Fulton Management Solutions, LLC; which was registered and formed as a
16 Management Consulting organization in Benton County, Washington, 2011.
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19 3. Please describe why you are testifying.
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22 I am voluntarily supporting and coordinating with the local community non-profit
23 organization Tri-City CARES, I am here to share my concerns about the impacts the
24 Horse Heaven Hills Project will have on my home, property values, and the other
25 homes in my neighborhood and other similarly situated neighborhoods in Tri-Cities.
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2 Q: Please state the address of your home and the name of the neighborhood in which
3 it is located.

4 A: 106206 E Tripple Vista Dr, Kennewick, WA 99338.
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7 Q: Please state how long have you lived at this address and why you chose to live
8 here.

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10 A: We purchased our undeveloped lot in 2017 and initiated construction of our
11 retirement home in 2018, occupying the residence in January 2019. We chose the
12 Tripple Vista area for the lot size, remote quiet farming theme and unobstructed
13 panoramic views. We chose this site expecting to build our forever home and
14 eventually retiring in this community of larger, well-maintained homes.
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17 Q: Please describe your opinion on the effect this project will have on property value
18 of your home and other homes in the area.

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20 A: We feel the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Energy Project will negatively impact the
21 desirability of this location and result in a corresponding and significant reduction to
22 home and property values. The mass of the wind towers, obtrusive lighting pollution
23 and long- term potential environmental impacts will have a lasting and undesirable
24 impact on this growing area.
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1 Q: Please describe your opinion of any other issues or concerns you have about the
2 project.

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5 A: We are concerned about the obsessive pursuit of this project by the State of
6 Washington Government given the lack of support by local PUD and other energy
7 providers. We fear local residents will bear the negative aspects of the Windmills
8 without deriving any benefit from the marginal energy they will contribute to the overall
9 regional power needs.

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11 We are concerned about the potential negative environmental impacts associated with
12 wind towers in general and the lack of recyclable materials associated with their
13 blades, gear oils, and materials of construction, given their marginal ability to
14 contribute useable energy. The negative environmental impacts to wildlife and
15 protected species seem to be a low consideration.

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18 Further, due to low energy production from one windmill, more of them will become
19 necessary to economically justify the project so the impacts become far greater.

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21 We are concerned that this Energy project will place a future remediation mortgage on
22 the taxpayers of Benton County and the State of Washington when non-generating
23 windmills are abandoned in place, economically unrepairable and without a
24 substantial client representing their repair. Similar to the impacts resulting from the
25 State declaring bankruptcy during their abandonment of four unfinished Nuclear
26 Power Plants.

1 We are concerned about the loss of public access to surrounding areas when
2 accessible lands are locked and public access is restricted by owners to prevent
3 owner liable damages to the windmills located on surrounding properties.
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5 We are concerned about the unsubstantiated need and benefits for this project locally,
6 given the obsessive pursuit of it by State Officials who were elected to serve the will of
7 Washington State residents.
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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.
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16 We declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington
17 that my testimony and reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and
18 belief.
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20 Signed this __12__ day of June, 2023, in ____Kennewick____.

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22 _____/s/ _____ /s/ _____
James Fulton Sharon Fulton