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Pre-Filed Testimony
Ron Nelson
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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 RON NELSON

Q: Please state your name and address.

A: Ron Nelson, 77344 Country Heights Drive, Kennewick, WA 99338.

Q: Please briefly describe your work experience and qualifications.

A: President and CEO of a nationally owned business with a presence in all 50 states. Headquartered in Washington State, we have supported the state's economy for over 42 years providing jobs, products, and services to maintain the safety and reliability of airfields in nearly every airport or airfield in the State of Washington; private, public, or military.

Q: Please state how long you have lived at this address and why you chose to live here.

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2 A: Purchased 5 acres of land in 2012 in the Badger Canyon for the purpose of building
3 a retirement home. I was drawn to the Tri-Cities by its culture, unique desert
4 landscape, weather, and lifestyle. I was particularly drawn to the HHH/Badger
5 Canyon area for its unique beauty, serenity, and noise and traffic abatement.
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7 My wife had an unfortunate accident in 2017 that necessitated a craniectomy to try
8 and save her life. Given the severity of the accident, the brain surgeons gave less
9 than a 1% chance of success. After two operations and several months in and out of
10 the hospital, she beat the odds but was left with a severely scared and bruised frontal
11 lobe which affects personality and emotions. The doctors recommended moving to a
12 location that would be more calm, peaceful, and tranquil. We built our custom home
13 to provide that for her and moved in just over three years ago. The peace and
14 tranquility that this area offers in tandem with the amenities we built into our custom
15 home have been very therapeutic for her. The location of the proposed wind turbines
16 will be a detriment to her psychological health and well-being.
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18 Q: Please describe your opinion on the effect this project will have on the property
19 value of your home and other homes in the area.
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21 A: We have a multi-million-dollar property. Every realtor that I have spoken to admits
22 that NO buyer in the multi-million-dollar market would purchase this property if that
23 wind farm is built as proposed. The estimated loss to property value for my family
24 could easily exceed 1.5 to 2 million dollars.
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Q: Please describe your opinion of any other issues or concerns you have about the project.

A: Our family is very pro environmentally friendly toward seeking solutions to reduce our carbon footprints. There are many alternatives and options available to do

1 this. Wind-driven energy and solar farms are certainly two of them which we embrace
2 if located where they do not harm plant or animal life or obstruct or interfere with
3 human habitats. I am always a little taken back by the hypocrisy when it comes to
4 providing laws to save and protect endangered species, i.e., animals, birds, or plant
5 life with an overwhelming propensity to disrespect or disregard them when it is
6 politically expedient. There have been ample studies that confirm that the HHH
7 Project, as proposed, presents a REAL threat to both. And may I suggest a third – a
8 threat or endangerment to the HUMAN animal/habitat. I believe we MUST consider
9 the psychological and financial impacts, threats, and endangerment this project will
10 propose to many living near this proposed project. My wife, with her physical injury,
11 certainly falls into this category. And our nation has so many people with non-
12 physical mental and emotional issues that could be further impacted by these
13 unnatural looking structures. I believe that there are better options to achieve the
14 production of clean energy to replace fossil fuels. However, if this project does get
15 approved, at the very least, the wind farm should be moved back from the ridge line a
16 MINIMUM of 2 miles to reduce the financial and psychological fallout that will impact
17 so many hard-working tax-paying citizens.

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20 Q: Please describe why you are testifying.

21 I am voluntarily supporting and coordinating with the local community non-profit
22 organization Tri-City CARES. I am here to share my concerns about the impacts the
23 Horse Heaven Hills Project will have on my home, property values, and the other
24 homes in my neighborhood and other similarly situated neighborhoods in Tri-Cities.
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I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that my testimony and reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed this __12__ day of June, 2023, in _____Kennewick_____.

____Ron Nelson_____ /s/_____

Printed Name