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Pre-Filed Testimony
Ted Owens
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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 TED OWENS

Q: Please state your name and address.

A: Ted Owens, 505 E 44th Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99337.

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: My work experience was in the retail food business the last 17 years as General Manager for Fiesta Foods serving the Tri-Cities, Sunnyside, and Yakima. My relative business experience is in energy usage and the need for a stable supply to maintain proper temperatures for food safety, proper environment control, and front- and back-end technology.

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

A: 505 E. 44th Avenue, Kennewick, WA 99337. Elliot Lake area.

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

A: 20 years. It was the correct house size for our family and it is in a rural setting at the foot of Horse Heaven Hills.

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

A: There is aesthetic and monetary value in a home with a view of the local natural geography.

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

A: Whether an individual likes windmill farms or not, the truth is that they do not and will not provide base-load energy. Energy costs will increase and the environmental damage that windmill farms create and the amount of fossil fuel resources required to build, install, and maintain a wind farm is counter to the goals of the pseudo green energy plan the state has. In addition, for wind or solar to provide electrical grid

1 dependable energy you need storage capacity (battery farms) that in itself is an
2 environmental disaster.

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4 Small modular reactors are today and the future of energy production. They offer
5 limited environmental impact with a fraction of land footprint, clean, safe, and can use
6 the fuel waste currently stored as its fuel source.
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10 I am voluntarily supporting and coordinating with the local community non-profit
11 organization Tri-City CARES, I am here to share my concerns about the impacts the
12 Horse Heaven Hills Project will have on my home, property values, and the other
13 homes in my neighborhood and other similarly situated neighborhoods in Tri-Cities.
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15 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that
16 my testimony and reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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

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19 _____Ted Owens_____ /s/_____

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