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Pre-Filed Testimony  
Michael Minelli and Pamela  
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EXH-5622\_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 MICHAEL MINELLI  
WITNESS PAMELA MINELLI

Q: Please state your name and address

A: Michael and Pamela Minelli, Retired, 16518 S Fairview Loop, 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.

A: Michael Minelli. and Pamela Minelli.  
16518 S Fairview Loop. Same  
Kennewick, WA 99338. Same  
Retired. Retired.

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2 Q: Please briefly describe your work experience and qualifications.  
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4 A: Mike has a BS in Biology and an MS in Microbiology from OSU and is a retired  
5 Lamb Weston executive with over 30 years of experience in production, food safety,  
6 product quality, sanitation, and customer relations.  
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8 Pam is a retired educator and elementary school principal with a BS in Elementary  
9 Education and a Master's in Education with over 20 years of experience. Pam is also  
10 a former licensed real estate agent.  
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12 Q: Please state the address of your home and the name of the neighborhood in which  
13 it is located.  
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15 A: 16518 S Fairview Loop, Kennewick, WA 99338 in the Summit View neighborhood.  
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17 Q: Please state how long you have lived at this address and why you chose to live  
18 here.  
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20 A: We purchased our home in August, 2017. At that time, Scout Energy's intent to  
21 build the biggest wind farm in Washington was not public knowledge. If we had  
22 known about the HH Wind Project, **we would NOT have purchased this property.**

23 As senior citizens, we valued the pastoral views of the Horse Heaven Hills and the  
24 quiet, rural atmosphere of the Summit View neighborhood. It was the ideal place to  
25 "age in place".  
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2 Q: Please describe your opinion on the effect this project will have on the property  
3 value of your home and other homes in the area.  
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5 A: Now this rural view is threatened to be industrialized by up to 244 monstrous wind  
6 turbines as tall as the Space Needle...more like Seattle than Eastern Washington. If  
7 this project is built as designed, we will see several rows of gigantic turbines from  
8 most of windows, from the deck, and from our entire backyard.  
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10 In addition, we were assured the Department of Ecology (or BLM) land bordering our  
11 backyard would not be developed. Recently BPA notified us of a potential high voltage  
12 transmission line 260 feet from our backyard with easements through our property.

13 These transmission lines will be carrying power from the new Webber Canyon  
14 substation related to the HH Wind Project. Who will want to buy our home now?  
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16 View lots currently available in Tri-City neighborhoods are consistently priced higher  
17 than non-view lots. The proposed HH Wind Project will destroy our view...and lower  
18 the value of our home.  
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20 With a big percentage of recent developments in the Tri-City communities facing the  
21 HHH, property values will most definitely be devalued. Devalued property equals less  
22 property tax revenue for local city governments and Benton County. Rather than  
23 enhancing the area's economy, the negative impact on property values by the HH  
24 Wind Project presents a strong possibility of a downward trend in economic growth.  
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1 People considering a move to the Tri-Cities for its open country views, dark skies,  
2 peaceful neighborhoods, recreational opportunities, and a lack of industrial amenities  
3 will look elsewhere.  
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5 Q: Please describe your opinion of any other issues or concerns you have about the  
6 project.  
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8 A: We have many serious concerns. They include  
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- 10 • The threat it imposes to the survival of the endangered Ferruginous Hawk  
11 and its prey and habitat.
- 12 • Damage to the shrub steppe habitat that is essential to several sensitive  
13 species.
- 14 • Placement of turbines in the important wildlife corridor required for  
15 connectivity of habitat areas.
- 16 • Increased dust and fire danger.
- 17 • Where will the horrendous amounts of rock and cement for the project come  
18 from? The tremendous noise from a rock crusher near the Project will affect  
19 our right to enjoy our homes.
- 20 • Why here? At 25 miles long, covering more than 72,000 acres, this is the  
21 biggest wind project ever proposed in Washington State. Why within 6 miles  
22 of 100,000 people when more remote locations are available?

23 This project is **TOO BIG, TOO CLOSE, TOO TALL.**  
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25 Q: Please describe why you are testifying:  
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1 A: We are voluntarily supporting and coordinating with the local community non-profit  
2 organization Tri-City CARES. We are here to share our concerns about the impacts  
3 the Horse Heaven Hills Project will have on our home, property values, and the other  
4 homes in our neighborhood and other similarly situated neighborhoods in Tri-Cities.  
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7 We declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington  
8 that our testimony and reports are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and  
9 belief.  
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11 Signed this \_\_12\_\_ day of June, 2023, in \_\_\_\_\_ Kennewick WA \_\_\_\_\_.

12 \_\_\_/s/ Mike Minelli \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_/s/ Pam Minelli \_\_\_\_\_  
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14 Printed Names  
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