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Pre-Filed Testimony
Ronne Fletcher
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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 RONNE FLETCHER

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

A; Ronne Fletcher, Retired, 3114 E Highland Ext, Benton City, Wa 99320.

Q: Please briefly describe your work experience and qualifications.

A: Medical Technologist & Clinical Information System Administrator for Pathology Lab, Kadlec Regional Medical Center. I also worked in many labs in Spokane and Tri-Cities as well as in some Dr Offices prior to my 20 years at Kadlec. I have a Degree in Biology from Eastern Wash State College. Certified, Registered Medical Technologist (MT, ASCP), and a Computer applications degree from CBC as well as various other certificates, etc.

1 I am a PCO for precinct 3106 and former Vice Chair of the Benton County Republican
2 Party, so I represent a large scope of people both in the Benton City area as well as
3 the county at large.
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6 Q: Please state the address of your home and the name of the neighborhood in which
7 it is located.
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9 A: 3114 E Highland Extension, Benton City Washington, 99320. We live just North of
10 Benton City on 40 acres.
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12 Q: Please state how long have you lived at this address and why you chose to live
13 here.
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15 A: I have lived here for about 14 years and my husband has been here for 50 years.
16 We love this place because by any real estate standards this would be considered a
17 terrific view property. We have a full view of the Horse Heaven Hills as well as Red
18 Mountain and Rattlesnake Mountain. We also have the pleasure of living out of town,
19 but within 1/2 hours of about anywhere in the Tri-Cities. We like having room to grow a
20 garden and have our own space to pasture cattle or other livestock. This is a perfect
21 hobby farm.
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23 Q: Please describe your opinion on the effect this project will have on property value
24 of your home and other homes in the are
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1 A: I can hardly describe how angry I feel about this wind farm project going up on the
2 Horse Heaven Hills. This project is being shoved down our throats and it does not
3 taste good at all. I do not know one person in this area that is in favor of the windmill
4 project. The reasons are many, but some of many reasons I hate this project as
5 provided below.
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7 1. It will totally ruin our view we have to the North of our house overlooking the
8 HHH. These wind mills are large and ugly. We have seen the "farms" over in
9 the Dayton area and I cringe every time I think of having to look at these ugly
10 things every day.
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13 2. For all the reasons listed here our property values will be lowered. We are
14 getting older and will need to sell this place in the future and this project will lower the
15 value of our land which will affect our financial stability for when that time comes.
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17 3. While we are not as close to the project as our neighbors in Badger Canyon,
18 but we anticipate that, at least at times, we will be able to "hear" the whap whap of the
19 wind mills running. We came out here for the peace and quiet, so it is not hard to
20 determine how that will affect us.
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22 4. It is not hard to imagine the mess that will ensue years from now when these
23 wind mills are no longer functioning and these monsters are left to us locals to figure
24 out what to do with.
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1 5. I have no doubt that at some point the idiots that thought this was such a great
2 idea will realize how inefficient these windmills are and how the cost (to build &
3 maintain) does NOT outweigh the benefit in electricity that is derived from them - since
4 it is such a small amount. Our Dams are way more efficient at producing electricity,
5 are actually magnificent structures that create beautiful recreation areas, provide for
6 fish travel and great fishing as well as provide an abundance of electricity. And yet
7 they want to remove hydro-power that provides abundant energy on demand and
8 replace that energy with wind mills, that will not produce energy on demand and will
9 be traditionally nonfunctional during peak energy need times??
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11 6. As I understand it the energy from this project will not benefit us locally. It will
12 mostly benefit people on the W side of the state or other areas. I propose we put
13 these projects in the area that intends to benefit from them. Let them look at these
14 ugly structures.
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16 7. We have seen charts from our PUD on the energy derived from windmills - it is
17 pathetic.
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19 8. Areas around the structures will be restricted or closed. They say the
20 recreational impact is not great, but it will be!! Nobody wants to hike or fly around
21 those structures. There are many small airplanes that fly in this area and they will
22 definitely be impacted.
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24 9. This is a bird migratory route. it is hard to imagine how many birds will be killed
25 or affected by the wind mills.
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2 10. Also consider light and flashing light contamination of our area and the effect
3 that has on animals and people.
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5 11. I have also heard of cattle producing less milk and even dying around these
6 windmills. There is just so much we do not really understand yet to be flooding our
7 area with these windmills.
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9 12. There are so many other reasons I could go on forever. But let me end with the
10 fact that no one I talk to wants this project to be here. We The People should have a
11 say in what happens in our area.
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13 I am voluntarily supporting and coordinating with the local community non-profit
14 organization Tri-City CARES, I am here to share my concerns about the impacts the
15 Horse Heaven Hills Project will have on my home, property values, and the other
16 homes in my neighborhood and other similarly situated neighborhoods in Tri-Cities.
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19 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that
20 my testimony and reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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22 Signed this __12__ day of June, 2023, in __Benton City WA _____.

23 _____Ronne Fletcher_____ /s/ _____
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25 Printed Name
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