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Pre-Filed Testimony  
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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 NANCY GRAVES

**WITNESS**

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

A: Nancy Graves, 1019 Lethbridge Ave., Richland, WA.

Q Please briefly describe your work experience and qualifications.

A: I worked as a Software Engineer at Hanford for 41 years. I am currently retired. I hold a BS in Computer Science from Washington State University.

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

A: I was born in Pasco and raised in Kennewick. My father was born and raised in Kennewick. My family has been in this area since the 1920's. I have lived at this address since 2005, but I am a lifelong resident of Kennewick and Richland. I chose

1 this area because of the well-managed development and the easy access to the  
2 highway. Although I don't have a view to the Horse Heaven Hills from my main  
3 windows, many homes in this neighborhood do.  
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7 Q: Please state the address of your home and the name of the neighborhood in which  
8 it is located.  
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10 A: I live at 1019 Lethbridge Ave, Richland. This is in the Brookshire Estates  
11 development near Duportail and Keene in South Richland.  
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14 Q: Please describe your opinion on the effect this project will have on property value  
15 of your home and other homes in the area.  
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17 A: The Horse Heaven Hills are the ONLY ridgeline landscape of the desert area of  
18 Southeastern Washington. I can't even imagine putting 25 miles of ugly wind turbines  
19 along the ridge. They will be a blight and eyesore to everyone. The 'west-siders'  
20 wouldn't want 25 miles of wind turbines along the Cascade ridge, why should we give  
21 up our only ridgeline?  
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23 Kennewick and South Richland are growing to the south. As growth continues, the  
24 sight of these ugly wind turbines will have a detrimental effect on who will move here  
25 and who would want the sight of a wind turbine out their windows. I know I wouldn't  
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1 be inclined to purchase a home anywhere near these wind turbines. Housing  
2 developments in Badger Canyon are already in close proximity and full view of where  
3 the turbines would be located. They are at risk of property devaluation as soon as the  
4 turbines are erected.

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

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9 I have many concerns with this project.

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11 • First, why has Scout Energy gone to great lengths not to hold public hearings in  
12 the Tri-Cities? That tells me they know the county and residents are opposed.

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14 • Second, Southeastern Washington doesn't need this 'new' power source. We  
15 have all the power we need from hydro-electric and nuclear sources. This power is  
16 probably meant for the west side of the state. Let them put the turbines there if they  
17 need the power. Why come and destroy our land and eco-structure?

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19 • Third, the environmental impact statement does not cover the 'graveyard' of  
20 non-biodegradable waste from these turbines. The blades are ~200 feet in length.  
21 They don't last forever and must be disposed of. Why hasn't Scout told us where this  
22 graveyard will be located? I don't think Tri-Citians will like the answer. Why hasn't the  
23 EPA wanted to know?

1 • Fourth, this project as proposed to remove many thousands of acres of farm  
2 land. I would prefer the farm land over wind turbines any day. I think the farm land is  
3 far more valuable in the future than these wind turbines.  
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7 I am voluntarily supporting and coordinating with the local community non-profit  
8 organization Tri-City CARES. I am here to share my concerns about the impacts the  
9 Horse Heaven Hills Project will have on my home, property values, and the other  
10 homes in my neighborhood and other similarly situated neighborhoods in Tri-Cities. I  
11 acknowledge that I may be cross-examined during the adjudication hearings.  
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14 I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that  
15 my testimony and reports are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
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17 Signed this \_\_12\_\_ day of June, 2023, in \_Kennewick WA \_\_\_\_\_.

18 **Nancy Graves** \_\_\_\_\_ /s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
19 Printed Name Signature  
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