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To the State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council and to whom it may concern : I am writing to you today because I own three separate sections of land that are all near this proposed Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project. The closest road to my land, is Clodfelter Road in Benton County as well as small sections of Valley Vista P.R.S.E and Triple Vista Estates Road,. All of these roads, are in the county and the nearest town is Kennewick, WA for a ZIP Code of 93449-3269. I will be building a home on one section of my land in the near future, and I have owned most all this land for over 30 years. My three separate parcels all connect to each other and the accumulated total of this land, is close to 28 acres. My land is quite close to where this HH Wind Project is proposed to be built, and I am VERY MUCH OPPOSED to this project for many reasons. I am REALLY CONCERNED for the safety of all the wildlife that lives on my land!! This area has SO MANY migratory birds flying through it all the time, and numerous hawks' nest within my property along the steep slopes that run down into Badger Canyon. I am VERY concerned that there will obviously be constant bird kill from these mammoth wind machines - and that bird kill will be of many species, some of which are rare and need to be protected. I feel very strongly that these machines should not be allowed to be built anywhere near this area due to the impact on the wildlife. Over 3/4 of the total acres of my land is very steep and will never be built on, hence there will always be a quantity of wildlife living there which I know includes nesting areas for the hawks... In addition, my concerns include the close proximity of this project to my future home not only for the effects on my own long-term health from being in the shadow of these machines, but also for the safety of my land to protect it in case of a fire. I am against this project being built in the area because it will interfere with the aerial fire protection that we depend on if there is a wildfire -- We have had a few scares over the years for fires that have broken out on these slopes - wildfires that can only be accessed by air, because there are no roads on my land and the slopes are very steep. Please -- at a minimum, do not allow this project to move forward as it is currently mapped -- Though I personally feel that these big wind farms are not that beneficial to our power grid anyway, I for sure feel that Washington should ONLY allow these big wind farms to be built where open land can be verified to NOT BE IN A MIGRATORY BIRD PATH. To meet that requirement, this project should only be considered on land that is many miles away from where it is currently planned! My STRONG PREFERENCE is for this entire project to be rejected completely, but at minimum it ABSOLUTELY needs to move MANY miles away from the sloping hillsides of Badger Canyon which are home to vulnerable species of birds that DEFINITELY include numerous species of Hawks, Osprey and Pheasant. We have constant visits of flocks of ducks, geese, and cranes, and though they sometimes will land on my property, more often they are flying directly over it. I have a family of coyotes that live in a ravine on my land, and my land houses and protects not only deer, but we even have antelope that can be seen roaming thorough our area. In closing, please protect the land and the wildlife from the negative impact of the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project and reject this build in its entirety! Instead, please ensure that this company will only build in areas where there will not be such a huge, negative impact on the environment. Thank you for listening to the nearby landowner's concerns, and for your consideration to protect the wildlife as well as the residents that would be living much too close to this proposed wind farm. Sincerely, Brian Richardson brich69@sbcglobal.net PS - I would be happy to provide the Land Parcel #'s to you if you want proof of my land ownership if it is necessary for you to verify that my statements regarding my land are correct -- My land is full of wildlife that needs protection from this project, and these windmills would be built much too close to where humans are living too!!

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I am not in favor of this project not only because it ruins the view, hurts and/or kills wildlife, windmill material is not recyclable and has short life but mainly the power can not be counted on. There are so many better ways to get power that can be counted on be it nuclear, natural gas or hydro. Why invest so many resources and causes environmental impacts on an industry that is not reliable and consistent. Much better technology is out there it is ridiculous that we are still building something we know doesn't work. I can see 28 windmills from my office window and out of the 28 only 6 are turning and generating power. What a waste.

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I am writing as a landowner within the project boundary in support of the Horse Heaven Windfarm project and I am specifically requesting that the current Draft Site Certification Agreement be amended to reduce the 2-mile exclusion zone (noted on pages 3 and 17 of the draft) to an exclusion zone consistent with peer reviewed science and state and national guidelines for Ferruginous Hawk conservation. I understand the need to respect land near sacred native sites and to consider the desire of local residents for preservation of vistas but the 2-mile exclusion of project turbines from Ferruginous hawk nesting areas is excessive, unnecessarily threatens the fundamental economics of the project and, as noted below, is not consistent with peer reviewed research on Ferruginous hawk conservation practices. It is notable most of the land within the exclusion radius has been actively farmed for well over 100 years without noticeable effect on Ferruginous Hawk populations and this is consistent with peer reviewed science. Further, as a land owner I have serious concerns over the precedent being set by the draft Site Certification Agreement setting restrictions on the use of private land especially when these restrictions appear to represent regulatory overreach without any foundation in peer reviewed science. Further, I note the following guidelines which argue for a significant reduction to the exclusion radius to as little as 1/4 mile rather than the excessive 2 miles proposed in the Draft Site Certification Agreement: FERRUGINOUS HAWK Nest Site: "No surface occupancy (beyond that which historically occurred in the area) within 1/2 mile (2640 feet, 800 meters) radius of active nests. No permitted, authorized, or human encroachment activities within 1/2 mile (2640 feet, 800 meters) radius of active nests from February 1 through July 15. This species is especially prone to nest abandonment during incubation if disturbed." (Colorado Parks and Wildlife Department of Natural Resources <https://cpw.state.co.us/Documents/WildlifeSpecies/LivingWithWildlife/Raptor-Buffer-Guidelines.pdf>) REPRODUCTION OF FERRUGINOUS HAWKS EXPOSED TO CONTROLLED DISTURBANCE CLAYTON M. WHITE AND THOMAS L. THUROW "Our observations suggest that a sufficient buffer zone for brief human disturbance around Ferruginous Hawk nests is 250 m. Adults will not flush 90% of the time if human activity is confined to distances greater than this." (<https://sora.unm.edu/sites/default/files/journals/condor/v087n01/p0014-p0022.pdf>) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Region 6 Wildlife Buffer Recommendations for Wind Energy Projects March 31, 2021. "Raptor nest buffers (non-eagle): Nesting raptor species commonly encountered at proposed wind energy project sites in Region 6 are addressed in this section. We recommend that existing raptor nests documented as occupied through recent pre-construction surveys for the project be buffered as follows: Swainson's hawk 800 meters, ferruginous hawk 1,600 meters" ([usfws-r6-wildlife-buffer-recommendations-wind-energy-projects-v3-2021.pdf](https://www.usfws.gov/region6/wildlife-buffer-recommendations-wind-energy-projects-v3-2021.pdf)) Washington State Recovery Plan for Ferruginous Hawks – Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. "White and Thurow (1985) recommend buffers of 250m around nests would prevent desertion by 90% of ferruginous hawks during years when prey are abundant and in good physiological condition. " (Washington State Recovery Plan for the Ferruginous Hawk | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife) I believe that working together, project stakeholders can achieve their respective goals of preserving sacred native sites, mitigating visual impacts, preserving ferruginous hawk populations, and maintaining the Horse Heaven Windfarm's energy production goals by simply following peer reviewed science and existing guidelines. Reducing the 2-mile exclusion zone to as little as 1/4 mile will achieve all of these objectives.

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- Q1. **First & Last Name** Michael Siptroth
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- Q2. **Email address** flybill2@wavecable.com
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- Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** **Yes (please specify)**
I'm a board member of several organizations, but am speaking for myself.
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- Q4. **Share any comment**
We must encourage green.clean energy. While I am also a wildlife advocate, we must figure out smart ways to do both!
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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

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We need to take better care of what is left of our environment, for wildlife, marine life, plant life, and people.

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

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Attached is my testimony posted to EFSEC on August 23, 2023.

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Greetings EFSEC Administrators, Trustees and Associates – I am writing with respect to the proposed Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm and Solar Project to be located to the southwest of the Tri-Cities in Eastern Washington State. This project must not be constructed for many reasons, specifically: • Solar and wind power are neither renewable nor economically viable -- they are both first order derivatives of hydrocarbon fuels. • The sunlight and wind are renewable; the machines used to “harvest” the sun and wind are not. These so-called green energy solutions break down and require continued maintenance and ultimately, they must be taken down and be replaced. • The total energy necessary for the mining, refining, manufacturing, transportation, installation, maintenance and decommissioning of a wind turbine far exceeds the energy generated over its service life. • This project will crater property values in the area. Nobody wants to live next to or see a power plant in close proximity to their home or business. This power operation will extend over 25 miles and be visible to much of the 250,000 people living and working in the Tri-Cities. • This project is a disastrous misallocation of resources and will destroy the landscape and beauty of the Horse Heaven Hills. • Washington State already receives over 70% of its electricity from efficient hydroelectric power. The plan to tear down existing dams on the Snake River while constructing an economically and environmentally damaging power station is beyond absurd. Construction of the HHH Wind “Farm” would be a disaster for the environment, citizens of the Tri-Cities and anyone that enjoys to relocate to the area. Thank you for taking the time to read and understand my position. Regards, Patrick D. Grengs II / Farmer in West Richland (owner of 40 acres)

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Q1. **First & Last Name** Patrick Grengs

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Greetings EFSEC Administrators, Trustees and Associates – Regarding the HHH Wind and Solar Plant Proposal, I have additional material to provide in support of the effort to scrap the project. Essentially, it is becoming obvious (on a world-wide scale) that wind turbines have no economic justification. Below, I provide examples of recent stories illustrating this assertion. I hope that this content can be effectively shared with decision makers related to the project. By the year 2025, there will be over 700,000 wind turbines installed world-wide, including offshore. They all have a shelf life. The ones offshore degrade more quickly in the high-saline content environment. By 2045, the landscape will be littered with these rotting hulks. The energy necessary for their decommission will not be available as it will be apportioned to agriculture, housing, and basic transportation because of the ever-diminishing EROI (Energy Return On Investment) on hydrocarbons and the double-digit annual depletion rates on natural gas wells. Only then, will the insane misallocation of resources be fully acknowledged. This diabolical waste will be the legacy of sustainable energy and political parasites. Sincerely, Patrick D. Grengs II / Farmer and developer of 40 acres of land in West Richland, Washington Credentials: Masters Degree in Computer Science with 30+ years professional experience as a mathematician, software engineer, project manager, technical trainer, employee of 13 different companies (several the result of M&A's) and four contractors (which had me flying all over the world for several years) plus lifetime entrepreneur and business developer. Wind Power is Proven to be an Economic Failure Across the Globe: • Top Wind Firm Profits Tumble 98% in New Blow to Clean Energy / Goldwind squeezed by lower prices, sector's surplus capacity. o <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-10-26/goldwind-profits-plunged-even-as-wind-power-surges-in-china> • Orsted A/S shares slumped to their lowest level in six years after the Danish utility dropped two US wind projects and recorded 28.4 billion kroner (\$4 billion) in impairments as the crisis in the wind industry worsens. o <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-11-01/orsted-drops-us-wind-projects-taking-4-billion-impairment-hit> • The crisis engulfing the US offshore wind industry escalated as Orsted A/S and BP Plc became the latest developers to take large write-downs on projects, putting President Joe Biden's targets for renewable energy generation at risk. o <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-11-01/us-offshore-wind-crisis-escalates-with-5-billion-in-writedowns> • The US offshore wind industry is "fundamentally broken" due to cost pressures and permitting delays, according to a top executive at BP Plc. o <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-11-01/bp-says-us-offshore-wind-industry-is-fundamentally-broken> • Shares in Siemens Energy have recovered but fell as much as 11.7% on Tuesday after focus shifted again to Siemens Gamesa, the world's largest maker of offshore wind turbines, where quality issues and ramp-up problems caused a 4.6 billion euro annual net loss. o <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/siemens-energys-struggling-wind-unit-unveils-436-million-cost-cuts-2023-11-21/> • Why America's Wind Power Failures Are Good for GE / Ahead of CEO Larry Culp's upcoming conglomerate breakup, recently canceled projects will free the company from more than \$1 billion in unprofitable turbine contracts. o <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-11-16/why-america-s-wind-power-failures-are-good-for-ge> Wind Turbine Demolition / Turbines are Clearly Not being Recycled: • When wind turbines are no longer useful: They get explosive demolition. o <https://wattsupwiththat.com/2021/05/22/when-wind-turbines-are-no-longer-useful-they-get-explosive-demolition/> • Twenty-One (21) Wind Turbines are destroyed - Controlled Demolition, Inc. o <https://youtu.be/LbDnLiu6DCE?si=1-OLkEk4zwYAqNIO> • Wind Turbine Blades Can't Be Recycled, So They're Piling Up in Landfills. o <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2020-02-05/wind-turbine-blades-can-t-be-recycled-so-they-re-piling-up-in-landfills> Dissent and Truth are Cancelled by the Green Narrative: • One of the most successful and prominent websites for exposing the fraud of the wind industry has been cancelled (shut-down). The voices for dissent and truth are being eradicated in the name of supporting political and financial fraud on a global scale. "Stop These Things" has recently been silenced. <https://stopthesethings.com/author/stopthesethings/> • And yet, the voices to expose the wind power fraud remain

alive and well on one of the most long-standing and successful websites for truth: “Watts Up With That” has been shining the brilliant light of facts, science and objectivity on the green-scam for nearly two decades, wind energy is in the center of the cross-hairs: <https://wattsupwiththat.com/category/energy/wind-power/> Wind Turbines Cost More to Build than the Power They Produce: • In spite of the green narrative, it is easily computable that the total power generated by a wind turbine over its operational lifetime will never eclipse the costs for its implementation (mining, refining, fabrication, shipping, construction, operation, maintenance, insurance, decommissioning). The green narrative fails to include two of the most basic elements concerning the life of a modern windmill: the concrete base that supports the tower and the cost for so-called “recycling.” As mentioned earlier, wind turbines are not recycled. Rather, they are demolished, cut into pieces and placed into landfills. Ample evidence for this exists both online and via county-assessor’s offices where the spent turbine junk is sequestered. Further, the costs for setting the concrete base (2,500 tons plus rebar and wood forms) are never included in the total cost allotment. These things are not green: the CO2 generated in the creation of the 600,000 pounds of cement needed for the base of each 2MW turbine is nearly 300 tons. • Wind turbines are supported, in large measure, by financial incentives including: tax breaks for the contractor during construction, ongoing municipal tax breaks during wind plant operation, plus the requirement that utilities purchase their wholesale power from the wind-plants whenever that power is available. • The largest cost associated with wind-turbines comes from the fact that wind is not consistent. Wind turbines provide, at most, 30 percent consistent power. When the wind stops, or the velocity is below the turbine cut-in speed, hot-standby power must be instantly available. This is typically provided by natural gas. As such, the infrastructure for a natural gas plant must be three times that of the combined optimal power provided by wind. This green-renewable crowd never seems to acknowledge this fundamental element of power generation mathematics. Property Values Crater when Power Plants such as Wind are Installed: • Nobody in their right mind wants to live next to an industrial power plant. The HHH wind plant will destroy the beautiful vistas and skyline of the TriCities if the Seattle Space Needle sized towers are allowed to pollute the landscape. Only the scientifically and economically illiterate would be in favor of this destructive eyesore. Property values will drop 20-40 percent in context of the proximity to the massive 25-mile-long industrial plant. • None of these wind turbines are necessary. Washington State receives over 70% of its electricity from the clean-green 100% reliable hydroelectric power. It is political folly that hydropower has not been designated as “renewable.” This effort is advanced as the means to replace the LSRD (Lower Snake River Dams) with economically and environmentally damaging wind plants. Wind Turbine Power Generation and Projections: According to the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC), at the end of 2016 more than 341,000 wind turbines were installed worldwide. Table below shows the number of turbines (estimated from 2016 per 9% annual growth) along with Added Capacity and Total Capacity in Gigawatts (baseplate ratings at maximum operational power delivery). From Site: <https://gwec.net/globalwindreport2023/>

Year	Turbines Add	Cap (GW)	Total Cap (GW)
2016	341,000	527	341,000
2017	372,000	578	405,000
2018	405,000	613	441,000
2019	441,000	639	481,000
2020	481,000	673	525,000
2021	525,000	714	572,000
2022	572,000	758	623,000
2023	623,000	806	679,000
2024	679,000	857	741,000
2025	741,000	911	811,000

^ ^ Estimates for 2023 and beyond.

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Let's consider the health risks of these projects: Wind turbines and solar cells rely on the most toxic & industrial processes that has ever been created such as: Silicon, Polymers, Adipic Acid, DMT(Dimethyl Terephthalate), PTA (Purified Terephthalic Acid), Silver, Cobalt, Graphite, Rare Earths, Coal, Steel, Nickel, Sulfur Hexafluoride (23,000 times worse than CO2), Copper, concrete (third leading cause of CO2 emissions), Lithium, Tin, Phosphorus Oxychloride, Calcium Arsenide, Indium, Ammonium fluoride, Cadmium, Lead, Ethylene Vinyl acetate, Molybdenum, Neodymium Praseodymium, Sodium Hydroxide, Dysprosium Chlorine, Hydrofluoric Acid, Petroleum and others. There is no concern whatsoever to the lives of little children working in these mines. There is no concern in destroying 500-year-old Yucca plants to make room for turbine wind projects and environmentalists call this "CLEAN GREEN ENERGY? What kind of rubbish is this? What happens to our well water when all the turbine construction starts? Who is going to monitor the wells and who will correct the problem when the well water quality deteriorates and it turns cloudy, gray or brown? Who is going to protect the safety of our drinking water? Has protecting well water even been considered in this equation? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHSgSdipTOU> https://journals.lww.com/endi/fulltext/2024/09010/wind_turbines__vacated_abandoned_homes_study__1.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2XqNttXj9HzzrUuTxuYs_yd9MZzXxKG55HmY-kShAMMja46Qsa4rxp05w_aem_AUGPemO00Z7LqW4LX3DOMXnEXINj6SuE4o8c0DAXNhzRbGSVXNrgU5uX3d0KQ0XnPtJSVzIDQBpEaygUhrWgGkn From, PRINCIPIA SCIENTIFIC INTERNATIONAL: "The new research on microplastics in the environment is quite uncomfortable for both the wind power industry and our rulers." "Last week I drew attention to the health risks of microplastics and that no one in a decision-making position is doing anything to prevent the spread despite all the warnings from doctors and scientists who, among other things, have found the nasty stuff in the human body as well as in placentas, where the wind turbines that our politicians put on pedestals play a big role." "In addition to previously known facts that wind power contributes to harming both wildlife and marine life, has low reliability, destroys the local environment with its noise, creates problems with non-recyclable rotor blades and lowers the market value of nearby houses, a new study shows that even pollution and poisoning of nature on land and in waterways is yet another negative aspect to add to the list." "What is particularly noteworthy is that both political and economic forces tried to stop the as-yet-unpublished study by exerting pressure so that funding for the study was withdrawn." ~ <https://principia-scientific.com/hazardous-particles-from-wind-turbine-rotor-blades/?fbclid=IwAR1snLEcBGLFiulYvEtYFlw4acacchWI0rIVW7W5hiknVT02YpKl8sIMEE>

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

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I would prefer a modular nuclear power unit to any windmills. I am totally against noisy dangerous windmills

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

The planned wind farm is right in the middle of our cross country paragliding routes when we launch the Army Corps of Engineers managed horse heaven hills launch known as Kiona Ridge. This wind farm will put an end to cross country paragliding that started back in the early '70s here in Eastern Washington. Put them out to sea or next to some Seattle freeways instead, eh?

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



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Q1. **First & Last Name** Mr Compton

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I strongly object to wind turbines and or solar panels in all of eastern washington. Living in the neighboring Klickitat county I have seen the damage and destruction the things do and how they are not recyclable and are an eyesore. The danger to protected species is larger than the so-called green energy producers admit.

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Please do not put up windmills in the Tri-Cities. We have plenty of clean energy projects that are more effective. Wind is currently an inefficient and even dangerous way to produce energy. Once the windmills are put up they are hard to maintain or take down. If the residents of Western Washington desires wind energy they can put them up in their area. Let's start building modular nuclear reactors in place of wind energy. Thank you.

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

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I strongly supported the use of wind turbines to generate power and disagreeable that they ruin the view.

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Greetings EFSEC Administrators, Trustees and Associates – I am sharing an article regarding wind turbine power. To The Point News / The Oasis for Rational Conservatives Matt Ridley is the author of The Rational Optimist <https://www.tothepointnews.com> THE UTTER COMPLETE TOTAL FRAUD OF WIND POWER The Global Wind Energy Council recently released its latest report, excitedly boasting that ‘the proliferation of wind energy into the global power market continues at a furious pace, after it was revealed that more than 54 gigawatts of clean renewable wind power was installed across the global market last year’. You may have the impression from announcements like that, and from the obligatory pictures of wind turbines in any New York Times story, that wind power is making a big contribution to world energy today. You would be wrong. Its contribution is still, after decades — nay centuries — of development, trivial to the point of irrelevance. Even after 30 years of huge subsidies, wind power provides only slightly more than zero energy to the world. Even put together, wind and photovoltaic solar are supplying less than 1 per cent of global energy demand. From the International Energy Agency’s 2016 Key Renewables Trends, we can see that wind provided 0.46 per cent of global energy consumption in 2014, and solar and tide combined provided 0.35 per cent. Remember this is total energy, not just electricity, which is less than a fifth of all final energy, the rest being the solid, gaseous, and liquid fuels that do the heavy lifting for heat, transport and industry. Such numbers are not hard to find, but they don’t figure prominently in reports on energy derived from the Unreliables Lobby (solar and wind). Their trick is to hide behind the statement that close to 14 per cent of the world’s energy is renewable, with the implication that this is wind and solar. In fact, the vast majority — three quarters — is biomass (mainly wood), and a very large part of that is ‘traditional biomass’: sticks, logs, charcoal and dung burned by the poor in their homes to cook with. Those people need that energy, but they pay a big price in health problems caused by smoke inhalation. Even in rich countries playing with subsidized wind and solar, a huge slug of their renewable energy comes from wood and hydro, the reliable renewables. Meanwhile, world energy demand has been growing at about 2 per cent a year for nearly 40 years. Between 2013 and 2014, again using International Energy Agency data, it grew by just under 2,000 terawatt-hours. If wind turbines were to supply all that growth but no more, how many would need to be built each year? The answer is nearly 350,000, since a two-megawatt turbine can produce about 0.005 terawatt-hours per annum. That’s one-and-a-half times as many as have been built in the world since governments started pouring taxpayer money into this so-called industry in the early 2000s. At a density of, very roughly, 50 acres per megawatt, typical for wind farms, that many turbines would require a land area half the size of the British Isles, including Ireland (61,000 sq mi). Every year. If we kept this up for 50 years, we would have covered every square mile of a land area half the size of Russia with wind farms (3.05 million sq mi). Remember, this would be just to fulfill the new demand for energy, not to displace the vast existing supply of energy from fossil fuels, which currently supply 80 per cent of global energy needs. Further, the Unreliables Lobby cannot take refuge in the idea that wind turbines could become more efficient. There is a limit to how much energy you can extract from a moving fluid, the Betz limit, and wind turbines are already close to it. And more: wind turbine effectiveness (the load factor, to use the engineering term) is determined by the wind that is available, and that varies at its own sweet will from second to second, day to day, year to year. As machines, wind turbines are pretty good already; the problem is the wind resource itself, and we cannot change that. It’s a fluctuating stream of low-density energy. Mankind stopped using it for mission-critical transport and mechanical power long ago, for sound reasons. It’s just not very good. How much global cargo is shipped by sailing ships these days? As for resource consumption and environmental impacts, the direct effects of wind turbines — killing birds and bats, sinking concrete foundations deep into wild lands — is bad enough. But out of sight and mind is the dirty pollution generated in Inner Mongolia by the mining of rareearth metals for the magnets in the turbines. This generates toxic and radioactive waste on an epic scale, which is why the phrase ‘clean energy’

is such a sick joke and greenie politicians should be ashamed every time it passes their lips. It gets worse. Wind turbines, apart from the fiberglass blades, are made mostly of steel, with concrete bases. They need about 200 times as much material per unit of capacity as a modern combined cycle gas turbine. Steel is made with coal, not just to provide the heat for smelting ore, but to supply the carbon in the alloy. Cement is also often made using coal. The machinery of 'clean' renewables is the output of the fossil fuel economy, and largely the coal economy. A two-megawatt wind turbine weighs about 250 metric tons, including the tower, nacelle, rotor and blades. Globally, it takes about half a ton of coal to make a ton of steel. Add another 25 tons of coal for making the cement and you're talking 150 metric tons of coal per turbine. Now if we are to build 350,000 wind turbines a year (or a smaller number of bigger ones), just to keep up with increasing energy demand, that will require 50 million metric tons of coal a year more than being mined now. That's about half the EU's hard coal-mining output. The point of running through these numbers is to demonstrate that it is utterly futile, on a priori grounds, even to think that wind power can make any significant contribution to world energy supply, let alone to emissions reductions, without ruining the planet. As the extraordinary polymath Sir David MacKay pointed out, the arithmetic is against such unreliable renewables. MacKay, former chief scientific adviser to the Department of Energy and Climate Change, said in the final interview before his tragic death last year that the idea that renewable energy could power the UK is an "appalling delusion" -- for this reason, that there is not enough land. The truth is, if you want to power civilization with fewer greenhouse gas emissions, then you should focus on shifting power generation, heat and transport to natural gas, the economically recoverable reserves of which — thanks to horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing — are much more abundant than we dreamed they ever could be. It is also the lowest emitting of fossil fuels, so the emissions intensity of our wealth creation can actually fall while our wealth continues to increase. And let's put some of that burgeoning wealth in nuclear, fission and fusion, so that it can take over from gas in the second half of this century. That is an engineerable, clean future. Everything else is a political displacement activity, one that is actually counterproductive as a climate policy and, worst of all, shamefully robs the poor to make the taxpayer-subsidized crony rich even richer. Matt Ridley is the author of *The Rational Optimist*, and as 5th Viscount Ridley is a Member of the British House of Lords. His latest book is *The Evolution of Everything: How New Ideas Emerge*.

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IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Thomas Schaffer

Q2. **Email address** schafferthomas10@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I have live on Old Inland Empire hwy since 1988. Across the Yakima river the Horse Heaven Mountains have always been the view from my front yard. I can't imagine a worse idea for the view of any property in this entire region. I worked at the Hanford site for many years as did many people in this area. If energy is needed for other regions of our beautiful state or beyond also nuclear energy sites or expansion of existing Energy Northwest facilities. This is one of the only regions in the country that would openly accept expansion of the nuclear industry Please do not tarnish the natural beauty of our Washington's Horse Heavens with any of those eyesore machines Sincerely Thomas&Linda Schaffer

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 99

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 06:55:57 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 06:55:57 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Barbara Foley

Q2. **Email address** Foley1@charter.net

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Don't place this wind farm here in the Tri-Cities. Put it where the west coast cities that want the power are located. We don't want it here.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 100

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 07:06:18 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 07:06:18 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Patrick Kinney

Q2. **Email address** p.a.kinney@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

The local area needs the power to attract heavy industrial (proposed fertilizer maker needs 350MW of power we don't have) and the state needs the power to achieve clean energy mandates. While there may be impacts to local wildlife, the EFSEC must adopt the stance of maximizing clean energy development. The restrictions should be reduced and alternatives proposed.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 101

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 07:10:38 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 07:10:38 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** John Gallagher

Q2. **Email address** jmg126@charter.net

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Wind turbines should NOT be used. They kill & injure protected birds that citizens would pay fines and be jailed for. The wind turbine companies exemption to this is heinously evil. Further, due to their height and resonant noise, they disrupt visual appearances and that area of the landscape, again building permits normally limit structure heights as well noise and wind turbines get an exemption to this. These exemptions must be removed. Instead focus on solar on every home's roof where possible and one EV in every garage for the family's around town use. Thus using EV charging at night and place the electrical source near the demand thus reducing load on the electrical grid.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 102

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 07:12:46 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 07:12:46 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** BARBARA CHASE

Q2. **Email address** COZYCABIN49@GMAIL.COM

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I love where I live far out on Badger Road overlooking the Horse Heaven Hills. This is my sunset, almost nightly. Some choose to live in the fast paced city....we choose to live in quiet out in the country. We are not big land owners, only 3 acres, but this is our life. PLEASE DO NOT AGREE TO THE WINDMILLS which would take over this view. I am truly a person who treasures this view. We enjoy a large variety of birds here, including owls who live in our trees for the last 17+ years! I am a person who completely supports all environmental protection issues that will preserve our earth.. I do not know what words you want to hear that will influence you to decide not to allow these windmills; I would tell them to you if I knew what words would assist you in deciding against them. I am not against all windmills, however, why can't they move the placement of these windmills BACK from the hillsides so that they cannot be seen by thousands who live here????? MOVE THEM FARTHER SOUTH FOR PLACEMENT. That way it is a win win for all. Tri-Citians, including myself, will not have to see them, the energy will still be produced, and farmers, whose land they will be placed on, will get the benefits of the income for the deal. I drive back and forth to Walla Walla frequently and the windmills are EVERYWHERE. When we drive down the Columbia Gorge, one of the most beautiful places I know of, the windmills again are destroying the beauty of one God's creation. Allowing the windmills on our hills, whether you require them to be shorter or fewer, will still be undesirable. I know the local utility agencies, Benton PUD, Kennewick Irrigation, and local city governments do not want the windmills here. The local people do not want the windmills here. Scout Energy says that their windmills will produce many new jobs for us here, including "union" jobs! Well I have been a active union workers my whole life and I can clearly say that this is a not a truth. It may temporarily add a few jobs for the construction of the windmills, but not long term. This will NOT bring benefits to local unions, that is just bait, not reality. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and comments. I could share more but I'm sure you already have a path to your decision. Sincerely. Barbara Chase

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-us-california/4f36cf50dea038938070c7e550734d85a9a0f0b2/original/1712324379/87d9adff65d659b3ab5286f343069036_IMG_3229.jpeg?1712324379



Respondent No: 103

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 07:28:26 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 07:28:26 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** David Thompson

Q2. **Email address** dcthompson@aol.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I'm opposed to any further development of wind turbines in the Horse Heaven hills because the impact on migratory birds and birds of prey could be catastrophic. There is no independent group that counts the wildlife killed by the current wind turbines. No

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 104

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 07:37:31 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 07:37:31 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Jon Fancher

Q2. **Email address** jfancher53@yahoo.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Please reject the entire project. The environmental considerations and the horrible visual degradation this project will cause is enough to say NO! Additionally the need for more power production is not in the tri cities area, more production is desperately needed in western Washington. Put this monstrosity in western Washington.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 105

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 08:25:45 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 08:25:45 am

IP Address: n/a

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- Q1. **First & Last Name** Karla Palmer
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- Q2. **Email address** karla@rcsothebysrealty.com
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- Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** **Yes (please specify)**
Realtor
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- Q4. **Share any comment**
- I am against all wind turbines. They are a pox on our landscape, inefficient and will soon be obsolete and then what? Who will cleanup our landscape of these eyesores? The only people who benefit from wind turbines are the farmers and the people who make them. When the State of Washington is serious about green energy we will see new construction of nuclear power plants, our dams will not be threatened with removal and natural gas will be part of the equation. Not to mention that global weather change is only important to a few countries, there is no global effort. Yet our government is ok with putting a financial burden on its citizens. It makes no sense. Stop filling up our beautiful desert with these ugly contraptions.
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- Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered
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Respondent No: 106

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 08:31:45 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 08:31:45 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Loren Maas

Q2. **Email address** lorennancy@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I have a significant appreciation for environmental and Native American cultural resource issues. I believe we have an obligation to make all reasonable efforts to honor our prior commitments to Native Americans and I am distressed at the pace at which we are losing species. That being said, I truly believe that global warming and its effects will have a monumental impact on our world, impacts that will make many of the sociological, economic and political issues that we wrestle with today seem minor in comparison. Issues like dam removal and wind farm siting pose really difficult tradeoffs. But my personal take is that we have to move ahead on clean carbon-free energy very aggressively. I support wind farms in the Mid-Columbia and believe that we need to err on the side of clean energy production. If the EFSEC recommendations are a necessary compromise to move the Scout project along and would still retain the economic viability of the project, then I recommend approving the project with the those recommendations and moving ahead. I truly do believe that we (actually our future generations) will highly regret decisions that failed to properly prioritize clean energy. In the long-term, we will not be able to make any reasonable commitments to environmental and cultural resource concerns if we lack a clean energy base. Global warming impacts will overwhelm us. Please also be advised that much of the Eastern Washington/Mid-Columbia resistance to wind farms is in my mind a reflection of a general denial of global warming, its impacts, and the urgency of confronting it. We have had no problem covering our hillsides with gigantic homes but now are resistant to wind farms as aesthetically intolerable projects.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 107

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 08:41:58 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 08:41:58 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Gary Weatherly

Q2. **Email address** gary31sp@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

We don't need more huge eye sores on our horizons that produce intermittent, expensive and subsidized power. We need reliable, consistent power. We're spending money to build obnoxious wind machines so we can spill water over the dams rather than spill it through the turbines. They are the epitome of foolishness. Don't build any of them!

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 108

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 08:49:08 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 08:49:08 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Richard Johnson

Q2. **Email address** rj99326@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I think this will be good for the local economy and the local ecology. I have seen those hills go from almost bare and dotted with farms to filled with what in my opinion are garish McMansions for newcomers to the area that want to live separately from the existing population and it makes me sad. The argument that the wind turbines will take away from the rural feel of the area is usually followed up with proposals for large subdivisions that are often themed after other places. There is one in particular that they call "Little Italy" which is just large particleboard boxes surrounding false Greek pillars that look like they are part of a theme park, which in my mind is far less rural than open hillsides with windmills. Most of the people arguing against the windmills are recent transplants to the area anyhow, and I don't like how their money is changing the face of where I live for what I feel to be for the worse. These windmills will provide electricity and jobs and hopefully help preserve the sagebrush scrubland beneath them that is rapidly vanishing from the area. Thank you for your time and for listening to my concerns.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 109
Login: Gschnaible
Email: gschnaible@msn.com

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 08:55:50 am
Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 15:46:38 pm
IP Address: 50.37.91.22

Q1. **First & Last Name** Gregory Schnaible

Q2. **Email address** gschnaible@msn.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

One word: Eyesore. The plan to install wind turbines on the skyline of Badger Canyon will not only be an eyesore, but it will endanger birds and it not welcome. Since the East Side of WA has adequate power generation, a better choice would be to put the turbines on the West side where the demand is located. But it is clear that the west siders have the philosophy of NIMBY. Many of us East Siders have installed Solar Power to support the grid, let's let the West Siders support the grid by allowing the turbines on their own turf!!!

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-us-california/5a9e32aec3543969d0c37fbe6a8a257b3c2d9734/original/1712332488/a1aa5786e50289bdcfdae52e781db0d_IMG_8765.jpg?1712332488



Respondent No: 110

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 09:01:06 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 09:01:06 am

IP Address: n/a

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- Q1. **First & Last Name** Jessica Wadsworth
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- Q2. **Email address** jessica@local348.com
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- Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** **Yes (please specify)**
Laborers Local 348
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- Q4. **Share any comment**
We appreciate your time. Thank you!
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- Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-us-california/0d275b61f46f76075120ae48169444723ff5faa9/original/1712331403/2a3297d35e461b7a13a93c637584da71_SKM_C360i24040508330.pdf?1712331403
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Respondent No: 111

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 09:02:44 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 09:02:44 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Jennie Fulton

Q2. **Email address** jjhfult@icloud.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Please listen to the people who live in this area. There are other places that are not so close to populated areas. We choose to live here. We hike and enjoy our views. Others might think this area ugly and not deserving of protection. This is our home. People have lost hope that government cares and is there to help and support them. There is more to life than money and politics. -please listen and support and give us hope for a relaxing beautiful future

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 112

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 09:07:25 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 09:07:25 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** not answered

Q2. **Email address** vickimrc@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

From news article: WSU Tri-Cities on its way to become nationwide clean energy hub By Rylee Fitzgerald Dec 12, 2022
"The world has to invent new fossil free methods of energy, and it's going to look right here to WSU Institute for Northwest Energy Futures," said Gov. Inslee. The area has already become a nexus of clean energy innovation, and officials said a new institute will bring together research partners, scientific bodies, utilities and private enterprises to plan for an expansion in clean energy. "That's an opportunity we have to continue to be national and international leaders in this particular space," said [WSU President Kirk] Schulz. Local agencies focus on hydropower, wind power, solar power, hydrogen and biomass that can be converted into alternative fuel sources. _____ I can't think of a better place to build a wind farm than in the TriCities. It provides for the development of clean, renewable energy, which is the direction in which we must move. However, just as importantly, it offers us an unparalleled opportunity to study the impact of such resources and explore strategies for mitigating their effects. This benefits far more than just the TriCities. "I also believe it's essential to prioritize the interests of the Yakama Nation. While specific issues must be addressed, this presents us with a valuable opportunity, even a responsibility, to approach environmental challenges from diverse viewpoints. Can we generate clean, cost-effective energy while simultaneously safeguarding the environment? The potential benefits of collaboration are immense."

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 113

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 09:26:07 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 09:26:07 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Dan Deckert

Q2. **Email address** deckert688@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

These are a blight on the environment and are NOT NEEDED for power. As a nature lover and a pilot, I have no desire to see these installed. I'm a union member and understand the job loss if these are not built, but sometimes things need to be done I'm not happy with. The company KNEW IN ADVANCE the community was opposed to the project but then went via a back door to try & get the project passed. The company also knew ahead of time the affects on nature but chose to willfully ignore that aspect. Since the 'power' is needed in another state(s), build these in that state! As a pilot, I REALLY don't want to see any more of these. I see enough already when flying along the Columbia River & continuing to Walla Walla & Milton Freewater and it's not a scenic view by any means.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 114

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 09:40:42 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 09:40:42 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Gary and Linda Dukelow

Q2. **Email address** duffer1a@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I favor the wind turbines . They are not visible for 99% of the population, and we need the power.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 115

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 09:40:51 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 09:40:51 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Mark Killinger

Q2. **Email address** mark.killinger@hotmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I generally oppose the Horse Heaven Hills wind project. I support all the restrictions being considered by the Council. These restrictions would greatly mitigate the environmental and visual damage from the wind project.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 116

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 09:49:02 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 09:49:02 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Jim Williamson

Q2. **Email address** jabwilliam@yahoo.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Please no more windmills. Terrible waste of tax dollars (subsidies).

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 117

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 09:50:43 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 09:50:43 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Greg Carl

Q2. **Email address** gregcarl1256@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

It's vitally important, in my opinion, that Scout Energy build an energy generating complex of wind turbines, solar arrays, and battery storage on the ridge south of the Tri Cities area. It's also vital that EFSC, having been buffeted by panic and anger from all sides of the issue, be the even-handed arbiter of the form taken by the complex. It would be a devastating signal if we can't get projects like this done. We will also need wind turbines off our beautiful coastal areas as well as safe and efficient nuclear energy generation in lots of places, and much more. All of it will face opposition that must be respected but not given in to if we're going to solve global warming. We're all depending on EFSEC and institutions like it to get this as close to right as humanly possible. It's hard to imagine a more important mission.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 118

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 10:06:16 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 10:06:16 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Kevin Burnett

Q2. **Email address** burnettkevinc@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** **Yes (please specify)**
TCFreeflyThe

Q4. **Share any comment**

TCFreefly consists of over 100(and growing) paraglider pilots from all over the northwest. We frequently fly from the ridge overlooking Benton City as well as the top of badger Mountain Goose Ridge and Eagle Butte. These sites provide an excellent array of environments suited for both beginners and extremely experienced pilots. Hey wind farm would pretty much exclude all but the most experienced pilots from flying in this area

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 119

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 10:14:51 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 10:14:51 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Adrian Kallio

Q2. **Email address** akallio@me.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I wouldn't recommend to have this project go forward. When you go to other areas within the state or other states over half of the windmills are not even going. Also without a way to store the very limited energy/power they generate and if not going to be used local then should go where the power is being used. If it is for the west side of the state then there. If they plan to sell it to other states the windmills should go there and mess up there view of the sky and nature. Most elected state or federal officials are worried on heating up the earth well putting man made things in the earth that create other issues. There was a major grass fire started because a windmill failed and burned multiple structures. The benefit is so small not worth taking away our natural view and nature.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 120

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 10:30:53 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 10:30:53 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Demi Bollinger

Q2. **Email address** Bollinger6211@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Please do not put in Wind Turbines.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 121

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 11:06:01 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 11:06:01 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Bruce Baker

Q2. **Email address** bakerarchitecture@frontier.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

The proposed location of the wind farm is way too close to the Tri-Cities to not affect the views of thousands of residences and property owners negatively.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 122

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 11:18:17 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 11:18:17 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** James Kelly

Q2. **Email address** jrkellype@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I oppose the planned windmills based on it being an eyesore to the TriCities, taking productive agricultural out of production, destroying natural desert sagebrush habitat, and the majority of the power to be generated would be utilized by western Washington. As western Washington is creating the major of the electricity demand to be addressed by the proposed wind farm, the wind farm, if needed, should be built in Seattle/Tacoma so the negative impacts are on them and the distance to the electricity users is reduced, there by reducing transmission loss. I also oppose any windfarm or solar farm as they do not have an environmentally sound way to dispose of the windmill blades or solar generation equipment other than dumping them.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 123

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 11:34:16 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 11:34:16 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** William & Laura Wilson

Q2. **Email address** wilsonl@cwu.edu

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

To: Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council No one wants the huge wind turbines in his/her backyard. Also, they: • Are too expensive to build, maintain, and replace • Are too big even if a remote location could be found • Are too noisy • Impact and kill too many wildlife • Can't generate electricity 24/7 • Are not manufactured 100% in the U.S.A. • Negatively impact the cultural area of the Yakama Nation Please stop wasting the Washington State taxpayers' money on this boondoggle. William and Laura Wilson 1025 Sunstone Ct Richland WA 99352 509-627-7181 wilsonL@cwu.edu

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 124

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 11:47:34 am

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 11:47:34 am

IP Address: n/a

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- Q1. **First & Last Name** Stephen Gillihan
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- Q2. **Email address** stevegillihan@yahoo.com
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- Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No
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- Q4. **Share any comment**
- Wind turbines 1. hurt the wildlife. 2. Unsightly 3. U use more fossil fuel on maintenance. 4. Built dirt roads in a pristine environment. 5. Nuclear power is cleaner and safer. Mr. Obvious says it is a lose lose 6. 6.
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- Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered
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Respondent No: 125

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 12:06:12 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 12:06:12 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Delicia Olsen

Q2. **Email address** msdelirene@hotmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

These wind turbines are not the best option for clean energy in our area, and they are not efficient. They take up valuable space and are UGLY. No WIND TURBINES!

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 126

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 12:24:35 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 12:24:35 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Robert Winslow

Q2. **Email address** forbesforestry@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I support the largest siting of turbines and solar and battery backup as this is an urgently needed project to support green energy, enhanced grid capability, and will assist with combating climate change. Approve the project now, full build out, and no more delays, our society depends on making the right choices, this is the correct choice, do the right thing.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 127

Login: Gene Pratt

Email: gfrankp1947@gmail.com

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 12:38:39 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 19:27:20 pm

IP Address: 193.36.225.159

Q1. **First & Last Name** Gene Pratt

Q2. **Email address** gfrankp@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I am opposed to any more windmills in the tri City area. they are ugly and inefficient. they are also not cost effective and cost the tax payers and rate payers too much money. When I see the west side of the state have as many wind mills as the east side already has, maybe we can discuss it sooner. I would still be opposed because I am convinced that the whole climate crisis issue is a scam.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered

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Has attachment? False

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RESPONSE TO HHH RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNOR

Thank you for the opportunity to address my concerns regarding the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm Project. I have lived in West Richland for 10 years and have enjoyed the open space and the beauty of the Horse Heaven Hills. Though we have seen multiple fires on these hills, Benton County is fortunate to have excellent fire fighting capabilities that do their utmost to prevent death and destruction of lives and property. Besides the awful destruction of the amazing views of the Horse Heaven Hills from the Turbines, I am very concerned about the safety of my life and property. Please do not build Turbines on the Horse Heaven Hills.

Geneva Carroll
West Richland, WA 99353

II.E. Compliance with Chapter 80.50 RCW and State Environmental Policy Act

Statement:

“Visual Aspects – Wind Turbines:The Visual-1, Visual-2, and Visual-3 mitigation measures identified in the Final EIS require the Applicant to relocate all turbines at least .05 miles from any non-participating residences, prohibit any advertising, antennas, or other piggybacking on turbines, and require that the turbines be cleaned whenever they accumulate staining or dirt.”

Issue:

RCW 80.50.010 states that energy facility siting actions are based on these premises: “(2) To preserve and protect the quality of the environment; enhance the public’s opportunity to enjoy the esthetic and recreational benefits of the air, water and land resources...” In addition, WAC 463-47-110(1)(ii) requires the policies and procedures for conditioning or denying permits or other approvals “Assure all people of Washington safe, healthful, productive, and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings.”

Discussion:

This particular mitigation is about as minimal as is possible to do. Advertising, antennas, and dirt will only be visible at a short distance whereas turbine towers and blades will be visible for miles and will deny the “public’s opportunity to enjoy the aesthetic and recreational benefits and will destroy aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings.

RECOMMENDATION:

EFSEC should remove additional turbines that are within 4 miles of any KOP for Option 1 and within 6 miles of any KOP for Option 2.

II.G. Adjudicative Proceeding

Statement:

“The Council found in the adjudicative order that Scout’s Project design does not sufficiently avoid or minimize impacts to Yakama Nation TCPs. Those impacts can be reduced by altering Project design in order to meet the directive of RCW 80.50.060(8) to seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on tribal sources.”

Issue:

While this statement is commendable to recognizing the problem with the project design, it does not go far enough in requiring the Applicant to actually alter their design to address this issue.

RECOMMENDATION:

Statement:

Last paragraph: “Finally, the Council heard concerns from witnesses that it is not possible to use aerial firefighting to suppress wildland fires among and adjacent to wind turbines.”

Issue:

RCW 580.50.010(1) requires that Washington legislative policy assures Washington state citizens that, where applicable, operational safeguards are at least as stringent as the criteria established by the federal government and are technically sufficient for their welfare and protection.”

Discussion:

Wildland fires within and adjacent to this project are a matter of when, not if. This area is historically prone to wildland fires that can only be fought successfully from the air using aircraft like DC-10s. Nationally recognized aerial firefighting entities recommend a 4-mile buffer both vertically and horizontally to allow aircraft to safely drop into the fire zone and pull out again.

RECOMMENDATION:

Remove Turbinesto maintain a safe aerial firefighting barrier aroundareashistorically prone to wildland fire. During the summer of 2023 the Horse Heaven Hills burned many, many acres in a fast moving wildfire. Only due to the excellent fire-fighting ability ofaerial firefighters, were homes and businesses saved. This type of fire is a frequent situation in our community. If we can't put out fires due to the Turbines, lives, property and wildlifeareseverely endangered.

III. RCW 80.50.010 Standard for Recommendation

Statement:

Page 13 of 22: “State policy mandates the development of power that satisfies renewable energy requirements. Washington’s emissions reduction requirements include a statewide 45 percent reduction by 2030, 70 percent reduction by 2040, and 95 percent reduction by 2050. Among the State’s economic and climate policies is the Clean Energy Transformation Act (‘CETA’) which requires all electric utilities serving retail customers in Washington to be greenhouse gas neutral by 2030.”

Issue:

The Applicant has made no commitment either verbally or in writing that the energy produced by the Horse Heaven Hills project will be distributed and used in Washington State.

Discussion:

Without any commitment from the Applicant that the energy produced by this projectwill be distributed and use in Washington state, there will belittle, ifany,effect on Washington’s energy goals.

RECOMMENDATION:

EFSEC should demand proof from the Applicant that the energy produced by this project will be retained solely within Washington state boundaries. The people living in the Tri Cities should not be endangered by unsightly Turbines that may not even allow them to use the energy produced or satisfies Washington State energy goals.

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To: Comments@efsec.wa.gov

From: kma456@everyactioncustom.com

Received: 2024-04-09T18:59:12+00:00

Subject: Please continue your actions to balancing renewable energy development with preservation

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Subject: Thank you for your commitment to balancing renewable energy development with preservation

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To: Comments@efsec.wa.gov
From: kknutsonwa@gmail.com
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Subject: Draft Report to the Governor
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Dear EFSEC Council:

I would like to comment on EFSEC's Draft Report to the Governor for the Horse Heaven Wind Project.

The draft SCA needs to list the turbine numbers and the impact class and other project components to be removed before it goes to the Governor.

Before beginning construction, Scout Clean Energy must demonstrate compliance with the requirements of WAC 463-60-165 to identify the sources of water for the Project. (WAC 463-60-165(1) - Water intake and conveyance facilities. The application shall describe the location and type of water intakes, water lines, pipelines and water conveyance systems, and other associated facilities required for providing water to the energy facility for which certification is being requested.)

In addition I'd like to bring to your attention a recent action by Scout Clean Energy that may have already caused harm to the endangered Ferruginous hawk in Benton County.

The following is a part of a news brief I read online from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's webpage, District 4. It's states:

Ferruginous Hawk Mitigation impacted by Proposed Wind farm: District 4 Wildlife Biologists removed two nesting platforms from private lands that had been installed as part of a mitigation project. The land is under contract with the Horse Heaven Hills Wind farm and the developer requested the platforms be removed.

I am saddened by this and want to know what your agency thinks of this action by Scout Clean Energy.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Knutson

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To: Comments@efsec.wa.gov

From: simmelink.dennis@gmail.com

Received: 2024-04-10T22:27:20+00:00

Subject: Draft SCA Horse Heaven Wind/Solar Farm Concerns

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- *The draft SCA needs to list the turbine numbers and the impact class and other project components to be removed specifically before it goes to the Governor.*
- *Before commencing construction, the applicant must demonstrate compliance with the requirements of WAC 463-60-165 to identify the sources of water for the Project. (WAC 463-60-165(1) - Water intake and conveyance facilities. The application shall describe the location and type of water intakes, water lines, pipelines and water conveyance systems, and other associated facilities required for providing water to the energy facility for which certification is being requested.)*
- *The Draft SCA needs to expressly state that the Applicant needs to provide documentation that it has identified off takers in Washington before they begin construction of the project.*
- *The Draft Recommendation to the Governor needs to state that the project needs to provide documentation demonstrating they will provide a reliable source of renewable energy and provide quantitative evidence showing how the project helps meet the state's energy goals. (RCW 80.50.10)*
- *As a Horse Heaven dryland farmer with land near the project I am adamantly opposed to this project.*

Sincerely,

*Dennis and Jullie Simmelink
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Kennewick, WA 99338
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From: donbain@teleport.com

Received: 2024-04-10T23:55:25+00:00

Subject: Comments on the Horse Heaven Project Draft SCA

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Sirs:

I have worked on WA renewables projects for decades and Scout's Horse Heaven site longer than Scout was involved, so know it intimately. My work has included formulating national model county siting standards for wind, helping Klickitat county review several land use permit applications for wind projects years before their overlay zone, consulting with DNR on their initial program to lease their land for wind projects, and in the review and early development of several Washington wind sites including Horse Heaven East and West. We are not affiliated with nor have done work for the applicant or any land owners within these projects.

The large amount of generator reduction and the justification for it in the draft SCA is a big concern for several reasons:

1. The wildlife and consequent major layout reduction is coming very late in the multi year project development cycle. Years before Scout Clean Energy took over the Horse Heaven projects the then current developer consulted several times with the local ODFW office and was told 'don't go too close to the Columbia River' and 'siting turbines in the dry land wheat fields is a good location due to no habitat and no prey base.' There were common industry and agency guidelines for surveys and siting wind facilities in effect at the time and Scout's predecessor and Scout have in good faith relied on them for \$100sk of biological surveys over several years, and the production of the proposed layout in the Site Certificate application. However, the draft SCA's major project reductions are based on biological criteria which were not previously known, giving every appearance of ad hoc biological standards making. Worse yet, where is the proven scientific justification for the criteria used to establish long setbacks and avoidance of non existent and long abandoned nest sites? No developer of any kind of major energy project can do business in a jurisdiction where there's a threat of ad hoc standards being applied in permitting after years of good faith surveys and \$Ms of at-risk resources invested in a prospective project. Regulatory certainty is paramount if Washington is going to get the new renewable resources it needs to achieve it's climate change objectives.

It is ironic that the proposed reductions in the generating capacity of Horse Heaven ostensibly to protect species who no longer nest there and whose site utilization is minuscule make it more difficult for Washington to minimize the impacts of climate change on all wildlife, agriculture, watersheds and the economy.

2. Wind/solar projects stabilize the viability of marginal farming in very dry areas like Horse Heaven. This area has long been on the threshold of too dry for any farming and climate change easily could push it out of production. Farmers in this area, the county and the State need to adapt to changing conditions which impair business as usual. Projects like Horse Heaven diversifies farm incomes and mitigates their climate change risks. They also contribute lots of money via property taxes with very little marginal demand on government services, thus provide additional budget for new and changing needs.

3. The adjacent Nine Canyon wind projects have been in operation for years without adverse impacts and have demonstrated wind projects visible within the adjacent TriCities area are highly acceptable - the same community as could see minor portions of the Horse Heaven projects. Nine Canyon also was built in compliance with prior far

less strict biological and siting standards than applied in the draft SCA, in the same kind of land use and non viable habitat as in the Horse Heaven projects.

4. Long setback distances, especially w/o rigorous scientific justification, will greatly reduce industry efforts to create the projects needed to meet Washington's RPS and climate goals. Excessive setbacks, ones that go beyond simple safety issues, have been used elsewhere as a back door ban on wind projects. Sometimes the argument is property value impacts, which has repeatedly been studied and scientifically refuted, e.g., by studies done by Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Sometimes the argument is noise impacts, however that's easily addressed by noise studies and having a conversation under an operating wind turbine. Sometimes the argument is view shed, but this is subjective, beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and all the area view sheds have already been radically altered from their original natural state, i.e., it's a criteria fraught with defects. Ultimately, excessive setbacks result in fewer project sites being used, less renewable energy MW being built and industry going elsewhere. That also will affect the cost Washington ratepayers will have to pay to reach climate change goals.

We therefore ask that the criteria used to reduce the Horse Heaven projects have their scope dialed back to what's reasonable, scientifically justifiable, and best overall for the local economy and achieving Washington's climate goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Don Bain
President
Aeropower Services Inc.
Portland, OR

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To: Comments@efsec.wa.gov

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Received: 2024-04-11T14:11:24+00:00

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Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 13:33:51 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 13:33:51 pm

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- Q1. **First & Last Name** Mandi Greenwood
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- Q2. **Email address** Mandib444@gmail.com
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- Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No
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- Q4. **Share any comment**
- Like many citizens, I live in a delicate balance of wanting to protect my environment while still being able to access and enjoy it. As that perspective applies to this issue: I fail to understand why the windmills need to be located so close to the community. I have read a plethora of articles and facts showing that typically a windfarm would be located further away from residential areas. This windfarm is designed by outsiders who do not know or understand the beauty of our region. I feel like the community would be more supportive if the windfarm was further south in the horse heaven area and not visible from our cities and coveted vineyards.
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- Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered
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Respondent No: 38

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 13:37:00 pm

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Q1. **First & Last Name** Brandon Lamb

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

This site has been described as having no previous consistent use. As a frequent visitor to the site I attest that hundreds a day use the are for paragliding biking photos hiking trail running and picnicks. A wind farm would not allow shared use of these already established activities.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 39

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Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 13:38:00 pm

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Q1. **First & Last Name** Judy Guse

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Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Let's consider the infrasound produced by the turbines. Although low-frequency noise is inaudible or hardly audible sound waves for people, it is often energetically very strong and exceeds 80, often 100 decibels, up to the point of pain. Because of its vibrations and oscillations, it is dangerous for humans. Today's wind turbines reach very low frequencies up to 0.25 Hz. Because humans can't hear frequencies below 16 Hz, we can't hear most of the sounds the wind turbines make. But we can feel them in the body like a buzzing or a rumble, for example from a loudspeaker. Nevertheless, mechanical forces that originate from inaudible sound frequencies can affect cell and membrane structures without being noticed. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rm1b11YCwWg&t=45s> <https://www.wind-watch.org/video-meyersdale.php> Infrasound affects microcirculation, this is a fine capillary network bleeding in humans and animals. Endothel cells, located on the inner capillary wall, respond to infrasound. Besides transporting nutrients, these cells have many vital functions, such as growth, development of the embryo, inflammation and regulation of blood pressure, a doctor describes. Significant increase in blood pressure, weakness, dizziness, headaches, problems with concentration, chest pressure, heart failure, cardiac arrhythmia, problems with children's success in school and sleep disorders have been detected. Besides humans, many animals also responded to wind turbines. For the most part, wild animals can and will leave the areas. Domestic animals like horses, cows and pets can't leave and show behavioral changes, such as the decrease in cow milk production, and ability to reproduce has decreased and deformities are appearing more and more frequently. Infrasound is also responsible for the massive reduction of insects and the decrease in the population of birds. German wind turbines destroy 5 billion insects - every day! The consequences for animals are also: lack of energy, chronic inflammation, disorder in reproduction, excessive mortality and population decline. https://www.windturbinesyndrome.com/2013/horses-get-wind-turbine-syndrome-portugal/?fbclid=IwAR1aqdqwhsuUX-nvzYefzvOBkxoMgT1IL4tw5_1vsF4IdOYEIXNfvq6tbY Let's consider recycling turbine blades. How does this keep our environment clean? Wind turbines, once touted as a clean solution for electricity, are now becoming an eyesore, a hazard, and a significant environmental threat. After decades of operating around the world, wind turbines continue to have a live expectancy of about 20 years. To date there has yet to be discovered a financially viable means of recycling those wind turbines. As a result, today's old wind turbines are being dumped into toxic waste dumps. Because wind turbine blades are very difficult to recycle, the waste stream created by the retired blades is a mounting problem. Globally by 2050 projections are that there will be 43 million tons of blade waste produced EVERY YEAR — the equivalent of 215,000 locomotives. How is this considered protecting our environment?? <https://heartland.org/opinion/will-wind-turbines-be-generating-more-waste-than-electricity/> <https://coloradosun.com/2022/10/23/logan-county-wind-energy-regulation/?fbclid=IwAR1KjS49jc7VF9197Ijh3jfNmAVgA9rLwjm0fBWgnPCIPbH3L2eDM4wYxc>

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 40

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 13:38:32 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 13:38:32 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Michael Hazel

Q2. **Email address** mikehazel@hotmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I trust that decision makers will manage to analyze the relevant information regarding wildlife/habitat impacts and cultural impacts. But any decision maker being swayed by assertions that the panorama has been a historical draw for tourists and other visitors to the area has probably never been to Eastern Washington. First, no tourists come to Kennewick for anything. They may pass through Kennewick to a winery, or to the park for boat races, but nobody is sitting around pondering the beauty of the Horse Heaven Hills. People complaining their view will be ruined are just grasping at straws and can't think of a decent argument.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 41

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 14:51:29 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 14:51:29 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Suzanne Caron

Q2. **Email address** suzannesg2001@yahoo.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Please do NOT allow any more wind machines!!! They are a danger to birds and unsightly and we don't want them.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 42

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 14:55:05 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 14:55:05 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Barbara Walter

Q2. **Email address** gummibarb@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I am in favor of all the wind turbines that were originally scheduled. We need to take care of this plant now, for future generations. The wind turbines are a clean energy source and so much better than fossil fuels. When I see them on the hills they make me feel happy that we have found a way to try to save our planet.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 43

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 15:25:45 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 15:25:45 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Brian and Penny Lane

Q2. **Email address** pennylanefarm99@yahoo.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

We have several endangered species in this area that have already been affected by the existing windmills, to add even more would put even more pressure on these species. The added windmills and solar panels in this area of the state would put southeast Washington in even greater economic stress. (you want to remove are dams on the Snake River) this will reduce the water level on the Columbia River and lose water sports and other activities on the water. You are asking that the South East corner of the state take all of the heartship. If the State needs more power we have space for nuclear power (Hanford nuclear power reservation) use what you already have ! New technology is out there. You like to keep saying fallow the science, so check out the new Module reactors or power plant designs. The South East side of the State has been doing its part for the State of Washington longer than most , and its time that you start letting us run are life's and area as we see best for us (not what's best for the west side) . We live here for the beauty of open species, not the city's and buildings. Thank You for your time. Mr Brian E. Lane, Kennewick Wa. 99337

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 44

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 15:55:58 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 15:55:58 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Todd Samuel

Q2. **Email address** todd.samuel@charter.net

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Totally support the installation of the maximum number of wind turbines feasible for the site. The Tri-Cities region should be seen as the State of Washington's Energy production center. Nuclear, Solar, Hydro, and Wind. We need to take full advantage of the prevailing winds in our region to produce clean energy that will be available to support next generation industries that will site in our area if we have the necessary energy available.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 45

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 16:09:46 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 16:09:46 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Tammy Cousins

Q2. **Email address** boykitty1@hotmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

My comment on this topic is this. There is no reason to ugly up our beautiful hills with wind mills. They use diesel fuel to run them and they do not have a way to recycle those blades. It's a total green scam at it's finest. We have wonderful dams that provides clean energy and they keep our barge's moving. What are you thinking taking our dams out to save a fish which you can farm them and sell them to market. But if you take those dams out it will be a disaster. And you don't care about our farmers either. You would kill alot of small family farms because they will not have irrigation for their farms and couldn't afford to drill a well that is if the state would let them drill for one. This whole green group is to destroy the American family and farm!! Along with putting up those wind mills. I oppose the wind farms. They are lying to the people.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 46

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 20:32:31 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 20:32:31 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Michael Marmon

Q2. **Email address** Totalconnect@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I am a homeowner living near Badger mountain and a 30 year Washington State resident. I believe these wind turbines will destroy the habitat, soil, and views of this area. Wind energy is a relatively new source which has not been proven effective for our future power needs, and will cause permanent damage to the soil and the environment even after removal. There is already broken, rusted, and abandoned Wind turbines and windmills all across the world. The components themselves when no longer usable cause non-recyclable components which will pollute for decades. Why do we want to destroy our area for the sake of other Washington areas power needs? If you care about the Tri-Cities future at all, do not allow this disaster to happen here. Let us be an area that is praised in future years for not jumping into an abandoned mistaken idea, that destroys a beautiful landscape forever.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** https://s3-us-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-us-california/cf8ecde22dcd38509b6d8cf25bd3e713a934bbcb/original/1712374331/cd27d8a75512ab3014b64b7266b9944e_Windmills.png?1712374331



Respondent No: 47

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 21:37:51 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 21:37:51 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Linda Golley

Q2. **Email address** linda_golley@yahoo.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

We as human civilization need green energy urgently. This trumps anyone's view.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 48

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 22:09:46 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 22:09:46 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Patrick Grengs

Q2. **Email address** pixelate@mathsavers.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Rising Wind Power Servicing Costs: The Death-Knell Of The Wind Industry POSTED SRSROCCO IN ENERGY, NEWS ON NOVEMBER 10, 2023 The wind power industry's death by a thousand cuts will result from the massive increase in "service cost inflation." We are just beginning to see the first troubling signs: utilities that purchased wind power units now face increasingly high service costs. The Wind Power Industry developed very complex wind turbines and systems that grew too quickly without the necessary inexpensive global supply chain to service them. It's one thing to develop larger 3-4 MW Wind Turbines for onshore and another to service the 250,000+ wind turbines added in the past decade. Most of these wind turbines need extensive servicing and will need major overalls after 10 YEARS of service. Furthermore, I hear stories that the wind blades do not last the industry's 15-20 years lifespan. Even if the wind blades last 15 years and need to be replaced, this chart below shows the MAJOR PROBLEM facing the world.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)**

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Respondent No: 49

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 22:27:49 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 22:27:49 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Grant Baston

Q2. **Email address** grjubaston121@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

80% of the public speakers at county town hall in the Tri-Cities in March 2021 opposed the project. They said it would be an "atrocitiy" an "eyesore" and "grotesque". These comments are still valid today. This project should not go forward.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 50

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 05, 2024 23:22:32 pm

Last Seen: Apr 05, 2024 23:22:32 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Mark Strankman

Q2. **Email address** Mstrankman@aol.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I would like to thank the members of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council for their hard work on the proposed Horse Heaven Clean Energy Center! It is a very tough job evaluating all of the information that you are given. Thank you for listening! It is my opinion that the EFSEC should do more to protect tribal cultural resources than is now proposed in the draft recommendation. I know members of the EFSEC have listened to what members of the Yakama Nation have said, and I appreciate that, but I would encourage you to incorporate as many of the Yakama Nation's ideas as you can into any future updates to the proposed draft recommendation. Thank you!

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 51

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 06, 2024 06:07:42 am

Last Seen: Apr 06, 2024 06:07:42 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Emil carlson

Q2. **Email address** ejerry.carlson@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** **Yes (please specify)**
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Q4. **Share any comment**

I hate those windmills. Besides killing our birds the windmills takeaway the gorgeous country views that I deserve in my senior years. I sure wouldn't move to tri cities with those horrid cyclops mounted in our pristine environment. The mills could be killing an entire generation of different species of wild life.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 52

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 06, 2024 07:00:58 am

Last Seen: Apr 06, 2024 07:00:58 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Donald Bottoms

Q2. **Email address** don.b@plainhookey.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Wind farms are NOT energy-efficient, no non-polluting when manufacturing and maintenance costs are considered. They are also damaging to wildlife, especially raptors. Any review/approval process should clearly state impacts from the above considerations.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 53

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 06, 2024 07:10:44 am

Last Seen: Apr 06, 2024 07:10:44 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Philip Jensen

Q2. **Email address** phjn123@gmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I am opposed to the horse heave hills wind farm project. 1) It will threaten the habitat of Ferruginous hawk. We need to preserve the shrub step habitat. 2) It will pose a hazard to aerial fire fighting. The area surrounding the proposed Horse Heaven hills wind farm is very susceptible to larger wild fires. 3) The energy produced by the proposed wind farm is intermittent and non-dispatchable, energy sources like this are not 'green' because they have to be backed up by power plants that use fossil fuels. 4) The proposed wind farm will produce very few full time jobs after construction has ended. The developers are not committed to investing in the local community or providing full time jobs in the area. 5) The eastern WA local area has no need for the power produced by this facility. Eastern WA has almost all of its power needs met by Nuclear and Hydro, which produce no green house gas emissions. The local area will see no benefits from the power produced by this project.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 54

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 06, 2024 08:32:07 am

Last Seen: Apr 06, 2024 08:32:07 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Mike leitner

Q2. **Email address** leitners7@yahoo.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

You want the windmills so bad, put them on your side of the state!

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 55

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 06, 2024 09:13:00 am

Last Seen: Apr 06, 2024 09:13:00 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Jim Jacobsen

Q2. **Email address** jjacobsen2@charter.net

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Will the builders be responsible to pay now or be liable to pay to take down and dispose of these wind mills at the end of their useful life? If not, will us tax payers again have to pay for their disposal? These eye sores will not be able to pay for themselves. Our government is trying to solve a today problem, and like always, not considering future problems they are creating for the tax payers. Keep the dams; forget the windmills.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 56

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 06, 2024 11:22:59 am

Last Seen: Apr 06, 2024 11:22:59 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** David Garber

Q2. **Email address** wehere@use.startmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

As a resident of the affected area, I request that the wind farm NOT be approved. It appears to be fraught with detrimental issues, including damage to indigenous wildlife, dangers to aircraft, and visual pollution. It appears to be financially viable only through significant subsidies, and is mainly being pushed by entities who are out of the area and consequently will not be directly affected by the downsides (including Governor Inslee). No to the windfarm!

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 57

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 06, 2024 11:31:49 am

Last Seen: Apr 06, 2024 11:31:49 am

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Cynthia Garber

Q2. **Email address** thisisus@use.startmail.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

I am vehemently OPPOSED to the installation of wind turbines in the Horse Heaven area. These would have an irreversible negative impact on our land and wildlife as well as creating visual pollution and impacting aircraft and fire fighters. These turbines should be placed in the backyards of those financially benefiting from and/ or supporting these measures.

Q5. **Upload your document or picture (optional)** not answered



Respondent No: 58

Login: Anonymous

Email: n/a

Responded At: Apr 06, 2024 12:53:16 pm

Last Seen: Apr 06, 2024 12:53:16 pm

IP Address: n/a

Q1. **First & Last Name** Judy Guse

Q2. **Email address** goosie1515@aol.com

Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** No

Q4. **Share any comment**

Fires in our desert climate is a major concern. A fire on a 671-foot tall turbine in a desert where there are abundant amounts of tumble weeds and dried grasses will burn rapidly and spread quickly to surrounding homes. A fire burning high on a turbine is out of reach of local firefighting resources. Low and slow aerial firefighting aircraft cannot be used due to the risks posed by the wind turbines. Hundreds of acres can be consumed by a single turbine fire and just one fire incident can cost up to \$4.5M to contain according to Wind Power Engineering. We are not dealing with harmless, innocent windmills that we used to see on little farms that pump water out of a well but rather with high voltage machines called aerogenerators high in the sky, operating with hundreds of gallons of oil and lubricants (how is this "green?"), and subject to lightning strikes and friction ignition from moving parts. Research suggests that one of the main ignition sources for fires in turbines is lightning strikes. We have a lot of dry lightning strikes in our desert in the summer time. Only those of us who live in a desert climate know the risks of fires! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RGuzcqfcqVo>
<https://www.facebook.com/reel/944825463411982/?>

s=single_unit&__cft__[0]=AZUC7uZnJRa4cCvBfXNZ5RNkFAnJjHerS8XRWnrrnIRmVRZo- The attached photo was taken by photographer, John Clement of the Horse Heaven Hills during a lightning storm. Hydro power is clean, renewable, reliable, abundant, and an affordable resource. Half of all our electricity in the region comes from hydroelectric dams. 80% of our region's renewable, clean energy to fight climate change comes from hydropower and 100% carbon free! Local hydropower helps to keep our electricity rates among the lowest in the nation. Removing the lower Snake River dams could result in our electricity rates jumping to 65%. "Destroying the dams and deliberately shutting down 3,000 MW of peak power generation would make a bad situation much worse." ~ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ou7jXQGns5M> <https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/library/doclib/Myers-The-risk-of-Texas-style-blackouts-in-Washington-is-real-and-growing.pdf> Why would anyone even consider taking what is reliable, renewable, abundant and affordable power that we already have and replace it with wind and solar power that is just the opposite? The only reason is to justify wind and solar power. Wind and solar are nothing but a fantasy that is fueled by federal tax incentives and subsidies and are detached from reality! <https://amac.us/newsline/society/failing-green-industry-may-need-indefinite-subsidies-to-survive/?fbclid=IwAR0qQf-eNDYfOdIXgndyFRsrhE4WqyfNO6TWiBIT1Oe-ZSPpXrftR4ifJ9s> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rQyoFe-K_BU As far as I know, the majority of those of you making the decision on the HH Wind Project don't live anywhere near a turbine wind project. Would you willingly, after learning about all of the hazards and risks of turbine wind projects for those who live near them, in good conscience, subject your family and other loved ones to this kind of harm? With any amount of common sense and compassion, I would hope you would not even consider it! When observing the EFSEC Council Meetings, you all seem to be nice, reasonable, intelligent, considerate people. I appeal to your conscience to deny and not mitigate this turbine wind project! Mitigation sounds like a reasonable compromise but it is only temporary. We know that once the developer gets their foot in the door, it's only a matter of time before they will be allowed to expand. This project would be a disaster for our community and needs to be stopped! It's been proven that turbine wind energy will only bring brownouts and increase our energy rates! https://www.bitchute.com/video/2mAnaGJtmeES/?fbclid=IwAR3mcdnbKkF7uYgSTQF02WYaAopWldsiViFDg0tDgU-Muen-feGv5gR_fw Thank you for taking the time to contemplate and listen to those of us who will be negatively affected by this project. P. S. Infrasound caused by Industrial Wind Turbines is a health risk to people and animals: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywWNx3OJyuo>