



State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council



FACT SHEET

Horse Heaven Wind Farm Final Environmental Impact Statement

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Abstract:

Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC (the Applicant) is proposing to construct and operate the Horse Heaven Wind Farm in unincorporated Benton County, Washington, within the Horse Heaven Hills area. The Project would consist of a renewable energy generation facility that, as stated in the Application for Site Certification (ASC), would have a nameplate energy generating capacity of up to 1,150 megawatts (MW) for a combination of wind and solar facilities, as well as battery energy storage systems (BESS).

Only the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative were carried forward for detailed analysis in this Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). However, impacts associated with two turbine height/number options and three solar array sites are discussed individually when information or differences are known.

Project Location:

The Project is located approximately 4 miles south/southwest of the city of Kennewick and the larger Tri-Cities urban area, along the Columbia River.



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Required Permits, Approvals, and Licenses:

EFSEC's Site Certification Agreement (SCA) preempts otherwise applicable state and local regulatory permits pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.50.110 and RCW 80.50.120. For informational purposes, Table 1-1 in the EIS provides a list of these preempted state and local permitting requirements as well as federally delegated permits and requirements.

Authors and Principal contributors to the DEIS:

The EIS was prepared at EFSEC's direction by its independent consultant, WSP. Reports supporting the EIS were completed by Golder Associates Ltd., and SWCA Environmental Consultants. Additional information on the authors and principal contributors is presented in Chapter 7 of the EIS.

Date of EIS Issuance: October 31, 2023

Date of Final Lead Agency Action:

After its evaluation is complete, EFSEC will submit a recommendation to the governor. If EFSEC recommends approval of the Facility, EFSEC will submit a draft SCA for the governor's signature. Within 60 days of receipt of EFSEC's recommendation, the governor may approve the Facility, reject the Facility, or direct EFSEC to reconsider the SCA. If an Application for Site Certification is denied, the Project cannot be constructed and operated. The date of the governor's ultimate decision is not currently known.



Availability of the EIS:

The document is available at no cost on the EFSEC website at: <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/horse-heaven-wind-project>.

To obtain a printed copy, CD or USB drive of the EIS (for the cost of production), please contact efsec@efsec.wa.gov or (360) 664-1345.

The document is also available as a reference at local libraries.

Libraries where an Electronic EIS is Available:

1. Mid-Columbia Libraries- Kennewick Branch

1620 S. Union Street
Kennewick, WA 99338

2. Mid-Columbia Libraries- Keewydin Park Branch

405 S. Dayton Street
Kennewick,
WA 99336

3. Mid-Columbia Libraries- Pasco Branch

1320 W. Hopkins Street
Pasco, WA 99301

4. Mid-Columbia Libraries- Prosser Branch

902 7th Street
Prosser, WA 99350

5. Mid-Columbia Libraries- West Pasco Branch

7525 Wrigley Drive
Pasco, WA 99301

6. Mid-Columbia Libraries- West Richland Branch

3803 W. Van Giesen
Street, West Richland,
WA 99353

7. Mid-Columbia Libraries- Benton City Branch

810 Horne Drive
Benton City, WA 99320

8. Richland Public Library

955 Northgate Drive
Richland, WA 99352

9. Washington State Library

Point Plaza East
6880 Capitol Boulevard
Tumwater, WA 98501

Location of Background Information:

Documents regarding the SCA, scoping comments, public comments, land use, and adjudication can be found at <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/horse-heaven-wind-project>.

The website also contains data requests, relevant correspondence from the Applicant, EFSEC, and other interested stakeholders on various aspects of the Application for Site Certification review and EIS process and is regularly updated with such information.

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