

**State of Washington**  
**Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council**  
**Scout Clean Energy - Horse Heaven Wind Project – EFSEC Docket No. EF-210011**  
**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR COMMENT**  
**APPLICATION FOR SITE CERTIFICATION**  
**April 1-10, 2024**

**Description of Proposal**

On February 8, 2021 EFSEC received an Application for a Site Certification (ASC) from Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC proposing the construction and operation of the Horse Heaven Wind Farm project (Project). The ASC proposes the construction of a renewable energy generation facility that would have a nameplate energy generating capacity of up to 1,150 megawatts (MWs) for a combination of wind and solar facilities as well as battery energy storage systems (BESS). The proposed Project is located in Benton County, Washington.

The Project's Lease Boundary as proposed would encompass approximately 72,428 acres principally used for dryland wheat farming. The Project is proposed in the Horse Heaven Hills area of unincorporated Benton County, Washington, approximately 4 miles south/southwest of Kennewick and the larger Tri-Cities urban area, along the Columbia River (the Site). The Application seeks authority to operate no more than 231 wind turbines that would generate up to 1,150 megawatts (MW) and solar arrays that would generate up to 800 MW, along with up to two BESS facilities.

**What is EFSEC is proposing to do?**

EFSEC is holding a public comment period to receive public comment on conditions to be included in a draft Site Certification Agreement (SCA) and draft Recommendation Report to the Governor for the proposed Project. EFSEC is required to report its recommendation to the Governor as to whether to approve or deny an application for site certification per RCW 80.50.100. EFSEC may consider and take final action on the recommendation to the Governor at the April 17, 2024 public Council Meeting.

**How can you review the proposal documents?**

A copy of the draft conditions contained in the draft SCA and draft Recommendation Report to the governor are available for review at:

- <https://www.efsec.wa.gov/energy-facilities/horse-heaven-wind-project/horse-heaven-sca>
- EFSEC  
621 Woodland Square Loop  
PO Box 43172  
Lacey, WA 98503-3172

**How can you provide public comment?**

You may comment on the proposal from 5pm Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 through Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> until midnight on the EFSEC comment website at <https://comments.efsec.wa.gov> or in writing to the EFSEC office (see address above).

**EFSEC's review process**

EFSEC reviews applications for the siting of energy facilities and prepares a recommendation to the Governor on whether to approve or reject the application. If EFSEC recommends approval, it prepares a draft SCA that must include conditions to protect state or local governmental or community interests affected by the construction or operation of the energy facility, and conditions designed to recognize the purpose of applicable state and local laws and ordinances,

which are preempted to the extent that they regulate the location, construction, and operation of energy facilities under EFSEC's jurisdiction. If signed by the Governor and the Applicant, the SCA is binding.

For more information about the SCA, contact Amí Hafkemeyer at (360) 664-1305 or [ami.hafkemeyer@efsec.wa.gov](mailto:ami.hafkemeyer@efsec.wa.gov).