From: Gilbert Loera
To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:16:28 AM

Public Comment #0051 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

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Respectfully,

Gilbert Loera 17906 S 1884 Pr Kennewick, WA 99337 From: Barry Bush
To: Owens, Joan (UTC)

Cc: EFSEC (UTC); Drew, Kathleen (UTC)
Subject: FW: Horse Heave Hill Wind Farm
Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 1:49:01 PM

Attachments: <u>image003.png</u>

Public Comment #0052 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

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Joan,

Our group opposing this massive wind farm is growing daily. We are opposed to this project for many reasons. I mention a few below:

- 1. This project is not just in our urban growth area, it is our urban growth area. Kennewick continues to grow at a rapid rate. This will continue. The city of Kennewick can only grow in one direction and that is South. We are surrounded by the Columbia River on two sides and the City of Richland on another.
- 2. We literally live in the middle of the Pacific Flyway. This project is now slated to include 244 turbines that are 499'-671' tall. This is the height at which migrating Canada Geese fly. At the proposed site on any given day in the winter we witness tens of thousands of birds that are heading South for the Winter. This is just one species. We also have a massive bat and eagle population. This project will equal certain death for thousands of our animals.
- 3. We do not need the energy. None of the four utilities in the area are looking to take even one kW from this project. Simply put, we need energy when it is coldest and hottest outside. This is when the wind does not blow on this site.
- 4. We are a massive net exporter of energy. Our county currently exports to other areas about 2400 Mwh. In other words our county generates enough energy to power the Puget Sound. We deserve the right to pick the projects that are built here.
- 5. Energy Northwest was just picked as one of two locations by DOE to build two different small modular projects on the current site of the Columbia Generating station. This is baseload power and will generate 98-99% of the time. The proposed wind project will generate 30% of the time at best.
- 6. We support President Bidens desire to build more offshore wind projects. These projects are generally not viewable on land and can be built much closer to where the load is needed. This will cut down drastically on the need to build more costly and intrusive transmission lines.
- 7. Property Values. This will drastically reduce our property values and will surely end up in court.
- 8. Tourism. Much our income that is generated in the Tri-Cities area is from tourism. This includes sports, outdoors, wind and much more. Adding these turbines to our skyline will be a disaster.
- 9. Our county and local officials have been skipped in what appears to be a more friendly audience. Those on the Westside of our state may not care about the people of the Tri-Cities, but we call this place home and do not want our amazing view of the Horse Heaven Hills destroyed. This project is far too close to a urban population of over 300,000 people.

10. The energy in our region is already carbon free. At Benton PUD we currently have a load profile that is 93% carbon free. This will go down more when the sates last coal plant closes soon. We are already doing our part.

We would greatly appreciate your support.

Barry A. Bush 709 S. Hawaii St. Kennewick, WA. 99336 (509) 460-1051 atomicbt@charter.net



This is a picture of what our view to the South will look like if the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm is approved by the state. Is this what we want for the Tri-Cities and our Horse Heaven Hills?

 From:
 James Chesley

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:03:39 PM Public Comment #0053 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

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Respectfully,

James Chesley 1020 Colena St Prosser, WA 99350
 From:
 Gabe Wilcox

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 6:42:28 PM

Public Comment #0054 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

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Gabe Wilcox 5501 W Hildebrand Blvd Kennewick, WA 99338 From: Rachael Sollinger
To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:12:55 PM Public Comment #0055 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

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Respectfully,

Rachael Sollinger 1115 13th St Benton City, WA 99320
 From:
 Zoe Dodsley

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 7:46:44 PM

Public Comment #0056 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

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Respectfully,

Zoe Dodsley 1207 Acacia Ave Richland, WA 99354 From: Thomasina Archer
To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject:I support the Horse Heaven Wind FarmDate:Monday, March 8, 2021 11:04:58 PM

Public Comment #0057 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

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Thomasina Archer

Richland, WA 99354

 From:
 Olga Strand

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 7:56:45 AM Public Comment #0058 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

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Respectfully,

Olga Strand 262 Silver Meadows Dr Richland, WA 99352
 From:
 Olga Strand

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:58:24 AM

Public Comment #0059 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

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Respectfully,

Olga Strand 262 Silver Meadows Dr Richland, WA 99352
 From:
 Taketo Seattle

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:53:04 PM Public comment #0060 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

To Whom It May Concern,

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Respectfully,

Taketo Seattle 2525 W Hopkins St Pasco, WA 99301
 From:
 Owens, Joan (UTC)

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject:FW: Horse Heaven Wind FarmDate:Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:30:01 PM

Public comment #0061 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

Thanks.

~Joan Owens

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

Secretary Supervisor

Email: <u>joan.owens@utc.wa.gov</u> Phone number: (360) 664-1920 EFSEC Email: <u>efsec@utc.wa.gov</u>

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From: Sydnie Roberts <sydnie23@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 4:04 PM

To: Owens, Joan (UTC) < joan.owens@utc.wa.gov>

Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Farm

External Email

In regards to the proposed wind farm project to run along the ridge of the Horse Heaven Hills, our community overwhelmingly opposes this plan.

This unnecessary installation of eye sores, that will not benefit our community or state long term. It will only serve to ruin the limited picturesque mountaon views we have in this desert region. So many winery, wedding/event venues, agritourisom locations, homeowner views and property values will be hurt by this. The Horse Heaven Hills face multiple AVA growing regions and all of the ambiance that brings money and tourism to the area will be destroyed by giant white towers and a hillside of blinking red lights at night. No one wants to get married, drink wine or eat dinner having to look at what once was a beautiful range, covered in pock marks.

We just purchased and moved to our new home and property in September to open a tasting room and wedding venue, overlooking the Yakima River and facing these hills. This project would destroy our business plans, along with many others by stealing the very reason people purchased their homes, land and businesses.

Please see the attached pictures of what this community will be losing if these hills are covered in wind towers.

Sydnie Roberts Benton City, WA







 From:
 Caren Wheeler

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: I support the Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 1:03:20 AM

Public Comment #0062 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

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Respectfully,

Caren Wheeler 24902 E Peach Dr Benton City, WA 99337
 From:
 Lisa Smith

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Horse Heave Hill Windfarm project

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 10:16:12 AM

Public Comment #0063 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Hi,

I'm writing today to express my opinion that citizens should have a say in local matters such as huge windfarm projects. We are very concerned in Tri Cities about the large Scout Energy windfarm project that has been proposed. Our skylines/ridges are a thing of beauty and we take great pride in them and don't want them ruined by huge wind turbines. There are plenty of areas away from cities where wind turbines can be put. Local citizens/governments need to be consulted and involved.

Regards, Lisa Smith

Owens, Joan (UTC)

From: Lisa Smith lisasmith@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 1:41 PM

To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: HHH Windfarm - Please reject

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Hi,

I live in the Summit View neighborhood in Kennewick and get to enjoy views of our beautiful hills every day. The thought of a huge wind farm going in on the hills is extremely disturbing and frustrating. An out-of-state company is coming into our area and destroying our natural beauty and our local community won't even benefit from the business proposal. It feels awfully sneaky and unnecessary to put them so close to our cities and ruin such a beautiful area that we all enjoy. I'm all for renewable energy and our area already produces quite a bit of energy but this option has too many downsides. Please don't let them ruin our amazing hills and please consider feedback from the local community. A lot of our region is flat so we treasure our hills. There has to be an option where the wind farm could be further from the cities.

Thanks for considering.

Regards, Lisa Smith From: Jim Brewer To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Notice of hearing scout clean energy-horse heaven hills

Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Saturday, March 13, 2021 11:02:26 AM Docket #210011

Public Comment #0065

External Email

Hello EFSEC staff:

I am a reader of the newspaper in Benton County Oregon. I noticed today a published legal notice for your meeting in today's paper. I suspect someone looking for a newspaper of General circulation simply was not familiar with the difference in states. The project is probably a good thing, but you may hear some concern about the notice.

Regards

Jim Brewer

Sent from my iPhone

Public comment #0064 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

From: <u>Janice Isaacson</u>
To: <u>Owens, Joan (UTC)</u>

Subject: The Wondmill farm should be denied, It is a horrible eyesore and would be little help in generating power!!!!!

Also it is a bird killer.

Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 11:53:11 PM

External Email

Janice Isaacson mgjai@aol.com
 From:
 Karen Richardson

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

 Subject:
 Save Our Ridges

Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 1:04:07 PM Docket #210011

Public Comment #0066

Horse Heaven Wind Farm

External Email

To Whom It May Concern,

As a neighbor in this area, I am definitely OPPOSED to this HUGE WIND TURBINE FARM!!!! We moved to our home with an older and younger generation because it was a place with wide, open spaces. Clean air and less traffic!! We love the migratory birds that fly over head and less noise pollution!! Not everyone wants to live on top of each other like in the big cities!!

We will not be able to use the energy developed by these turbines!!!!!!

I'm not opposed to Green Energy. What do you call Hydro-Electricity?? We use our energy generated by the dams on our rivers, the Columbia and Snake, and from the Nuclear power developed at the Hanford Nuclear reservation which I believe should be reintroduced here because we embrace it instead of opposing it!!! Our Benton County PUD opposes these wind farms also!!!

You could move this WIND FARM to other OPEN spaces where there aren't any homes, but this area is the ONLY SPACE LEFT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO GO!!!

There are new homes being built out here right now!! This is the only space left for Kennewick to build homes, raise families, and generate a Bigger Tax Base!!! No one will move here because of the sheer SIZE of these turbines! They're not exactly small!!! !!PLEASE DON'T SIGN THAT PERMIT FOR SCOUT CLEAN ENERGY!!! AND PLEASE LOOK FOR OTHER UNPOPULATED AREAS FOR THESE TURBINES!!! THANK YOU!

Karen R.

Owens, Joan (UTC)

From: Karen Richardson <zimbaz2910@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 1:04 PM

To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Stop the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm

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Karen R.

Owens, Joan (UTC)

From: Karen Richardson <zimbaz2910@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 1:05 PM

To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Wind Turbines On Washington's Horse Heaven Hills – How Not To Pursue A Green New Deal

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Karen R.

From: Richard Yrjanson

To: <u>EFSEC (UTC)</u>; <u>DOR Benton County Leg Authority</u>
Subject: Scout Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm Comments

Date: Sunday, March 14, 2021 11:05:38 PM

Public Comment #0069 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

I wish to state my position of "against" Scout Energy Wind Farm in Benton Co., to have moved the approval out of Benton County and take it to the State removes the citizens in the affected area the opportunity to properly address their feelings. Either they delay the decision till a time that open forum and proper input can be made because only a small section of the voters have a opportunity to express their feelings. We do not have the patientence and understanding of why the issue can not be delayed to a later date or even if the proper process for approval was changed to accommodate a over seas owned company (Scout) will benefit from the tax breaks and revenue generated and twenty years from now walk away and leave tons of cement underground and broken bladed windmills we can enjoy in the future, if you want the city to grow and spread out the wind farm will have to be voted down or approved by the area voters and not in Olympia.

Richard E. Yrjanson Retired 5207 W. 14th Ave. Kennewick WA 99338

dyrjanson@hotmail.com
Ph. 509-783-2994
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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It hasn't always been this way. Since the Guilded Age of the 1890s, both Congress and the Supreme Court have been wary of the corrosive and corrupting influence of money on politics and democracy. Campaign finance was limited to "natural" citizens. Time and again the court reaffirmed this stance.

Until the conservative Rehnquist and Roberts courts.

Critics of the Citizens
United ruling say it constitutes judicial overreach and allows a handful of individuals and
corporations with narrow
interests to wield undue
influence on political
campaigns, state initiatives and legislative
agendas at all levels of
government. They argue
it sidelines ordinary citi-

Indeed, critics note 70 percent of all political contributions come from fewer than 0.4 percent of Americans. Much of that is unlimited "dark money" contributed

through Super PACs, which are not required to reveal donors.

We have seen the effects of Citizens United in Washington state. In 2011, Costco outspent opponents 2-to-1 in putting \$22 million behind I-1183 to privatize the sale of hard spirits. Costco's alcohol sales soared. In 2018, major beverage companies outspent opponents 176-to-1 with \$25 million supporting I-1634 to block a tax soft drinks.

Nationally, total spending on federal campaigns ballooned in 2020 to \$14 billion — almost double 2016 spending. The two Georgia U.S. Senate races alone totaled more than \$440 million. This forces congressional members and senators to be part-time legislators, half-time fundraisers.

Still, the Supreme Court asserts that corpo-

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GUEST OPINION

Wind turbines a bad fit for Tri-Cities



BY JIM CONCA

A company out of Boulder, Colorado, called Scout Clean Energy has applied for a permit to build a massive turbine wind farm in Washington State on the Horse Heaven Hills, extending from the town of Benton City, through the Tri-Cities, to the town of Finley. The wind farm will have upwards of 250 turbines that are 500 feet tall and cover about 6,500 acres (over 10 square miles):

But the Pacific Northwest is a lousy place to build wind turbines for two very good reasons. The power will not displace any fossil fuels but will only displace hydro, another renewable. And wind in this region just doesn't produce much energy, only 30% of its total capacity.

There is a growing opposition to this project in the region, just for these reasons.

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Derek Kilmer, Harbor, had ined an Olympic ula protection bill as merged with tems to form the ehensive legislation. c lands are a really ıl in our region," said. "They conto the fabric of who . I think there's a preciation for the at protecting public sn't just about savse unforgettable for future generit also means prohigh-quality jobs." the bill moves on Senate, where it has t from both of igton's Democratic rs but will face stern tion. From the



The Protecting America's Wilderhess and Public Lands Act would designate 1.5 million acres of Western wilderness for federal protection, and includes 126,000 acres of Olympic Peninsula land.

generally had bipartisan support, but the political landscape has changed.

Instead of viewing protection of public lands as anathema, members of both parties should recognize that such measures have broad public support and continue a long American tradition.

As Tom Dillon wrote for Pew Charitable Trusts: "President Biden's commitment builds on more than a century of U.S. leadership and dedication to environmental conservation, from the creation of national parks and the conservation of other public lands to policies

designed to ensure clean air and water and the protection of endangered

species."

In addition to reversing the abuse-and-plunder philosophy of recent years, President Biden also is recognizing the reality of climate change. He has paused gas and oil leases on public lands, but has demonstrated pragmatism in saying his administration will not work to ban fracking for fossil-fuel extraction.

The United States in recent years has become the world's largest oil producer, and oil will continue to drive the global ecohomy - even as we work to develop alternatives and reduce dependency on fossil fuels.

All of that reflects a necessary balance that is represented by the need to protect public lands. As Kilmer noted, the bill passed by the House will neither diminish the amount of harvestable timber nor close Forest Service roads.

Instead, it will move the United States toward a laudable goal of ensuring that public lands are available to the public in the

Interestingly, Scout Clean Energy has applied for Site Certification by going straight to the state authorities, circumventing the county government, knowing that the locals do not want this project and hoping that the state's goal of 100% non-fossil fuel by 2045 will push this through against them.

The real problem is that Scout Clean Energy is building this wind farm in the wrong state.

Tornado Alley is the optimal place for wind turbines in the United States, pushing capacity factors to 50%, and has made wind the second largest generator of electricity in Kansas, South Dakota and Iowa, where they actually displace coal power.

The capacity factor is the percentage of the time a system is supplying its nameplate or installed capacity. The nameplate capacity times the capacity factor equals the actual output of the generating system.

According to the Scout Clean Energy plan, the new farm's nameplate capacity will be 1,150 MW. Since the capacity factor for this wind farm is only 30%, the generation will actually be only 345 MW operationally. Wind turbines in this area have an average capacity factor of only 27%.

In comparison, the capacity factor for the Columbia Generating Station, our local nuclear power plant, is 98%. With a nameplate capacity of 1,207 MW, it's producing about 1,180 MW continuously, over 3 times that of the similarly-sized proposed wind farm.

Scout Clean Energy claims that this wind farm will offset 3.5 million tons of CO2, but that's not true either.

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self-report yearly inventories to the state Office of the Chief Information Officer, according to Wa-Tech, but that require, ment doesn't include the Legislature, judicial branch or most of higher education.

Washington's consolidated technology services agency, Waltech, which is charged with setting strategic direction for IT security, has little authority to make sure those standards are followed. It tries to encourage best practice by offering services like free security design reviews, security and vulnerability assessments. Clearly, that is not enough.

In a March 4 hearing before the Senate Labor, Commerce and Tribal Affairs committee, the Auditor's Director of Administrative Services Janel Roper said the agency had

no evidence it was using "an old or outdated product" or that it was taking a risk using the legacy soft-

But in a news release, Accellion's Chief Information Security Officer Frank Balonis said the company had been encouraging FTA customers for three years to migrate to a new, more secure platform, called kiteworks. The Auditor's Office made that shift in January - too late for Washingtonians whose Social Security numbers and banking information were exposed in the breach

Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5432 would give WaTech's Office of Cybersecurity to develop a centralized cybersecurity protocol for state government and provide formal guidance on best practices. The bill, sponsored by

Sen. Reuven Carlyle, D-Seattle, passed the Senate unanimously and has been referred to the House Committee on State Government and Tribal Relations.

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Nevertheless, once enacted, the law would take months to take effect. The cybersecurity office would have until July 1, 2022, to present a plan to lawmakers, including possible accountability measures to ensure agencies are meeting security standards. It orders an independent audit of state agency information technology to be completed by Aug. 31, 2022. Bad actors could create a lot of havoc in the interim.

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Comments or Questions *

Having followed the development of wind power in the Northwest and seen the beautiful hills and mountains that Lewis and Clark passed over being eye sores of unbelievable magnitude. Wind and solar generated electricity is not reliable and fail to meet peak demands and need to be backed up by reliable sources i.e. dams, nuclear, etc. The wind and solar corporations like Scout Clean Energy who was bought out by an overseas corporation, will be applying through the state and not through the county as Mr. Brown pointed out in his letter to the Editor in Sundays paper. We pay twice for our electrical energy with the Tax subsidies and benefits paid to the corporations and land owners and our local PUD's who have to charge for the increased cost of wind energy. May I recommend to all central Washinton communities and residents to write to- joan.owens@utc.wa.gov -and let them know your feelings about the huge Wind Farm being constructed in Benton Co by Scout Energy and your comments against will be entered into the application evaluation

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The additional information only confirms that wind energy is not needed in the Northwest, and it only enriches the pockets of the farm land owners and Scout along with money leaving our country to line the pockets of overseas investors. Bring or at least control the cost of electricity to the area and end this fantasy of "green" which is very popular among many of our state officials and recognized as not need by the rest of the state. We have one of the best states to live in but this continued cost increases of our electrical costs and other revenue taxes will drive many companies away

Richard E. Yrjanson

Retired

5207 W 14th Ave

Kennewick, WA 99338

From: <u>Dolly Ammann</u>

To: <u>DOR Benton County Leg Authority</u>; <u>EFSEC (UTC)</u>

Subject: NO Wind Farms please!!!!

Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:37:18 AM

Public Comment #0070 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

We are strongly opposed to the proposed Stout Clean Energy wine farm on Horse Heaven Hills. We do not need additional power from wind farms in our state. We have abundant and cheap clean energy from hydroelectric and nuclear power. Stout Clean Energy a Texas company, which does not share the interest of local residents and our environment, cleverly went to the State rather than approach local area government. They knew that our area would reject this proposal which for them is driven by only a profit motive.

The Horse Heaven Hills is a unique geological formation created by the Ice Age floods which made this area highly suitable for our local, acclaimed wine industry. The Horse Heaven Hills has a unique ecology dominated by native plants and wildlife. Considering the environmental impact that wind farms have, it is horrible to contemplate the damage they would do to our fragile local ecology.

One only has to go wine tasting on Red Mountain to view the natural beauty of the Horse Heaven Hills. This scenic beauty is part of the tourist attraction for visitors to our renowned wine country.

Send a clear message to our State government that We the People" do not want wind farms to destroy our environment in Eastern Washington.

Lt. Colonel Dolly Ammann, USAF (Ret.)

Tri-City Tappers, Manager 509-420-4712 Cell 509-392-1103 carolynewammann@gmail.com From: greg fies

To: DOR Benton County Leg Authority; EFSEC (UTC); acary@tricityherald.com

Subject: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments

Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 1:17:35 PM

Public Comment #0071 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

To Concerned People,

I do not believe it is the right time or place for this windfarm. Do not allow it to happen. Thank you,

Greg Fies 509.987.3229

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Richard Zangar
To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: In support of Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:50:06 PM

Public comment #0072 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

I support all energy sources – including wind, solar and nuclear – that do not seriously damage our environment. A common misconception is that local wind energy production will simply displace total hydro production. While it is true that when the wind blows, hydro production is temporarily reduced, total hydro power is determined by the available water resource, either in the river system, snowpack, or future rainfall. The use of these reserves is carefully regulated for energy production, irrigation and salmon. The use of wind energy therefore allows the dams to conserve water for future uses. This relationship becomes increasingly important in times of drought. Any excess wind or hydro electricity would be available through the national power grid to reduce carbon-based energy production in 47 states (except Texas, Alaska and Hawaii. In Washington State, coal and natural gas account for about a quarter of our electricity production and potentially could be replaced by wind, thus reducing the state's greenhouse gas emissions. Our state will continue growing, meaning that our energy requirements will only increase and that we will need increased electricity production. I therefore fully support the regional development of wind energy.

Richard Zangar Richland, WA 509-554-8090 From: Christina Caprio
To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Horse Heaven Hills Proposed Wind Farm Comments

Date: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:01:44 PM

Public comment #0073 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

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> I have the following comments for Scout's proposed Horse Heaven Hills Wind farm:

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> 1. Windmills are not really 'green' since their large parts cannot be recycled.

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> 2. Windmills are not really 'green' when they each use a large amount of oil (fossil fuels) to operate/turn.

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> 3. Windmills are not really 'green' when they kill countless birds. Let's not say it is Green New Deal 'green' energy, especially when it impacts people's health in a negative way from the flicker to the vibrations. A good scientist would not say it was green if it impacts human health and safety in a negative fashion.

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> 4. There are nesting federal and state protected/species of concern birds in the proposed Windfarm area. Is it okay to just willy nilly kill our great national bird, the Bald Eagle, and other wonderful birds such as the brown owl and greater Sage Grouse that fall into those categories? We do not have that many in our area, so we should really advocate them. There is a Bald Eagle nesting in the Tripple Vista Area. That nesting bird was not counted in Scout's survey. Yet, this bird definitely flies for food all over the Horse Heaven Hills and would be impacted (potentially killed) by the turbines.

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> 5. There are listed species of plants that are in the Horse Heaven Hills such as Kincaid's lupine, umtanum desert buckwheat, etc.

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> 6. There are countless migrating geese, ducks, pelicans, cranes, etc. in the Pacific Northwest Flyway zone that would be impacted (killed). The Horse Heaven Hills get fog often since it creeps up from both the Washington and Oregon sides if the hills (originating from the Columbia River on ea side of the hills). Birds fly low with fog; therefore, even more killings. I see flocks of birds (geese, snow geese, cranes, pelicans, ducks, etc) every day I am outside through out the year. They go from water to field and vice versa. I see the various hawks, falcons, eagles, Bald Eagles, owls (normally hear at night but sometimes see), peasants, chukar, quail, dove, etc. every day. I live in the Horse Heaven Hills. I can attest to our large steady stream of birds everyday. I do not believe that Scout's surveys included the early morning or late evening timeframes when birds are most active. Scout had little durations for surveys, ranging from 60-90 minutes. Anyone knows in science that surely doesn't give an entire picture, especially if the times are not when birds are most active. I am sure that they would see hawks, crows, mag pies, etc. in the middle of the day doing their job of hunting and scavenging.

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> 7. The energy is not consistent; therefore, presents use issues for utilities. Can an energy be 'green' if it is that inconsistent?

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> 8. The plan is for the energy to be sold out of the area and out of the state. The energy farm should be located near the energy users. They are in need to destroy their land for alternative energies. We have green nuclear energy and dam energy that are consistent sources of energy that cover more than our area's needs and poses no issues to utility companies for planning/using energy.

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> 9. These Space Needle sized turbines are ridiculously large and the number being proposed is overwhelmingly ugly for the views of the entire area spreading from the small turbines in Finley to Benton City. We have unique geology where there are not trees to enjoy the vistas. These machines will destroy the views with zero benefits to the locals (the energy will be sold elsewhere). It definitely is a major wall of choppers for birds.

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> 11. Why not take existing view ruined areas where existing farms are in low populated areas and expand on their footprint (there are many wind farms) if the state must have windmills? The Governor and EFSEC should really

promote nuclear power. It is safe, very efficient, and requires a much smaller footprint than an equivalent wind farm and the nuclear power production outdoes wind energy any day. Fission is an amazing process that produces an extreme amount of energy. The fuel can be recycled. It produces a crazy amount of energy. Education in understanding the science and the safety of the science is what needs to occur - starting with our leadership. Some examples (there are many looking at the wind farms that are so expansive on the EFSEC map) are the Wind farms along the Columbia River that mar that great gorge area or the large wind farms near the Cascades near Ellensburg. How can wind turbines be considered green with these facts and having an enormous foot print that ruins the landscape?

> Sent from my iPhone

 From:
 Bryan Coles

 To:
 Owens, Joan (UTC)

Subject: Scout Energy Windfarm in Benton County

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:59:03 AM

Public Comment #0074 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Dear Ms Owens,

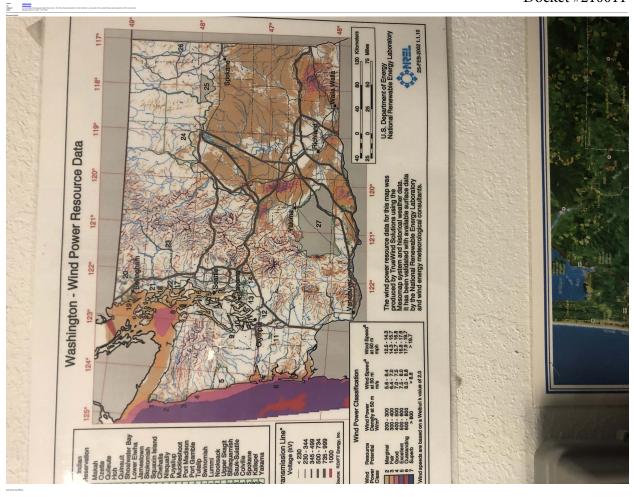
I am writing to formally object to siting the proposed wind farm by Scout Energy in Benton County. First and foremost this is not a good location for a wind farm. The winds are too variable and the capacity factor is too low for wind to be a viable energy source in our area. It would not be a reliable source of energy that we could rely on. This was made very clear by the recent experience in Texas which resulted in massive blackouts and disruptions in service. These interruptions can be life threatening, so reliability should be a major factor in energy decisions. This area has support for safe and reliable hydro and nuclear energy, both of which seem to be overlooked in energy planning here in Washington state. If reducing carbon fuel usage is to be emphasized and gas powered cars replaced by electric vehicles, both those sources should be expanded.

Thanks for considering my opinions on this matter.

Bryan Coles

2008 S. 38th Ave

West Richland, Wa 99353



From: Georgia Huthmacher
To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Project

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6:47:11 AM

Public Comment #0076 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

As a land owner in the vicinity of the proposed project I must protest mightily! My five acres is at the top of the ridge and considered view property. What you want to do will render my property totally worthless. We do not need the meager wattage put out by these ugly monsters you want to plant. Please do not allow this to happen. Asking that you protect our environment and refuse this so called clean energy project.

Georgia Huthmacher, a concerned citizen and land owner.

From: Bernie Femreite
To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Benton County Wind Farm Proposal -- Scout Clean Energy of Colorado

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:30:14 AM

Public Comment #0077 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Please take into account the input of the people of Benton County who have no interest if furthering the agenda of this out-of-state business to the detriment of our region. I expect there are a lot of hidden agendas with landowners and west-side politicians for this proposed project.

From: Bernie Femreite

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:21 AM **To:** commissioners@co.benton.wa.us **Subject:** Wind Farm Town Hall Comments

This wind farm should not be sited here for the power to be delivered **elsewhere** – probably California. We have sufficient power for this region and wind power will simply sideline hydro, whenever it actually works. This installation will add fuel to the specious argument for removing the Snake River Dams – also a very bad prospect. We do not need a Colorado company to put their ugly project in our yard. Scout Energy is clearly trying their best to avoid the citizens, and representatives, of this area by going directly to our liberal State government where our foolish Governor will likely endorse their proposal at the expense of our region. Our Commissioners need to take a hard stand against this project.

Regards

Bernal Femreite

Richland Wa.

From: <u>Jane Howlett</u>
To: <u>EFSEC (UTC)</u>

Subject:Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC opinionDate:Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:00:20 PM

Public Comment #0078 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

EFSEC docket No. EF-210011 State of Washington

I am writing to let 'whoever' know that I don't want a bunch of wind turbines

close to my property. I am totally against the Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC applicant,

putting giant wind turbines south of Kennewick.

I live in Idaho at the present. However, I have sold my Idaho home and I'm

moving to Washington the first week in June.

Thank you

Jane Howlett 10280 N. Meadows Rd. Pocatello, Idaho 83201

My Washington property is on: 35412 S. Glenn Miller PR Kennewick, WA 99338
 From:
 Don Paddock

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Scout Clean Energy Benton County Proposal Horse Heaven Wind Farm

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:49:22 PM Docket #210011

Public Comment #0079

External Email

I am writing to express my thoughts on the Scout Clean Energy proposal to install 244 wind turbines in the Horse Heaven Hills area of Benton County.

First of all, I am opposed to this project because I do not believe it is necessary from an energy standpoint. Studies have shown that wind energy in this region is less reliable than many people are prone to think. This region does not need additional forms of energy production as our dams and the Energy Northwest nuclear facility do an adequate job in providing for our needs. Plus, both are fully dependable as they do not rely on fickle winds to produce the energy.

I am also opposed because of the extensive visual pollution that will take place if these turbines are installed. My family and I have enjoyed traveling throughout the Horse Heaven Hills for five decades. They are a visual jewel that, so far, have not been marred by these unnecessary turbines, as have so many other regions in the Northwest. I would also like to take exception with the statement that Scout Clean Energy made about our local county leadership when they said, and I quote the statement that David Kobus, the Project Manager made which appeared in the March 15 edition of the Tri-City Herald newspaper: "Through our conversations with Benton County representatives that an application of this scale and scope would create a burden on staff and strain limited local resources." This is a direct slam against our county, its governmental resources, and its leadership. Our county leadership has been involved in many projects of similar scope such as the extensive development of new homes throughout the county and the infra-structure required to support those developments. In addition, the Chairman of our Board of Commissioners, Jerome Delvin, understands procedures such as those required to review a proposal such as this. He has served in the State Legislature and knows where the additional resources are if they are needed. It is very apparent to me, based on the statement of Mr. Kobus and the way Scout Clean Energy is bypassing the local government, that they are well aware of the opposition to this project in Benton County and feel their chances of getting the project approved are much better in Olympia. After all, that part of the state embraces "green energy" much more readily than those of us in Benton County who know that we already have the most green energy sources available and utilize them to the best of our ability.

I would greatly appreciate it if you note in the public record that I am opposed to this project in any form whatsoever.

Respectfully yours, Donald L. Paddock, MBA 509-628-0909

Sent from my iPad

From: <u>SCRIMSHER Michael (Framatome)</u>

To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: EFSEC- Horse Heaven Windmill Farm Public comment

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:41:27 AM

Public Comment #0080 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

To: EFSEC for the 3-20-21 hearing o the Horse Heaven – Scout Monster Windmill Farm

The proposed Horse Heaven windmill farm will have by far the largest size windmills this area has yet seen at 500 feet tall and will cover about 10 square miles or 6,500 acres.

The power they will hopefully generate will not really be needed as most of that "intermittent generation" will happen in the spring, the area's most windy season which is also when power consumption is low due to no / minimal need of heating or AC as in the summer and winter and on top of that Hydro output is at its seasonal high due to the spring runoff

The sad fact is that these ~ 244 Monster Windmills won't eliminate or reduce any CO2 emitting power generating sources since there is none in WA State to begin with.

Worse yet, these added Monster Windmills will further hamper the ability of the existing hydro system, to follows the daily load of powder need as the hydro system and overall grid has done very well at for about the past 70 years..

At a "best case" calculated 25 to 30% capacity factor; these Monster Windmills will only work to earn their keep 2.5 to 3 days out of every 10 days. The Monster Windmills will mostly produce the most power in the spring when power demand is low. During the heat of summer and the cold of the winter the wind blows little in this area, so there is no to minimal windmill output then when its needed the most.

In summary, windmill power generation makes minimal and unpredictable contribution to the power grid during peak demand.

Another big disadvantage is that the BPA is already FORCED to buy windmill power at well over their real costs of generation whether they need the power or not; and at high prices passed to ratepayers.

These monster Windmills will provide a few temporary blue collar jobs only related to the construction and then those few jobs will go away.

These Monster Windmills will have no positive effect on CO2 levels, climate change or carbon emissions and will not reduce fossil fuel use.

Don't be deceived about Scouts "big tax \$\$\$ will be paid to the schools" claim. Fact: The Stateline windmill farm in Walla Walla County since 2001 has paid less than a teacher's annual salary per year to the local school districts.

Scout will "blow" into town, put up their Monster Windmills, lay off the few that got the temporary construction jobs to erect those Monster Windmills; collect the huge PTC subsidy, and leave us to pay the bill and see Horse Heaven littered up for literal decades with these massive windmills not generating power for many days per year. Until storage technology on this scale is commercially available AND affordable which is probably another 10-15 years away, the last thing the Tri City area needs more windmills.

Let the Western WA green activists and money grubbers like Scout build windmills on their skylines, not ours.

Michael Scrimsher

From: Pam Richey
To: EFSEC (UTC)
Subject: Proposed wind farm

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:01:23 PM

Public Comment #0081 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Commissioners;

Due to the following factors we would like to respectfully express our opposition to the wind farm project proposed by Scout Clean Energy.

The short life span of typical wind turbines (20-25 years) coupled with the lack of reliable recycling programs for the defunct components means that we are already seeing large amounts of waste ending up in landfills from them. The wind does not always blow, or blows at the wrong speed for them to run , so they are unable to provide consistent power. This inconsistent reliability, as well as the negative visual impact they have on the landscape makes it impossible for us to support spreading them across the Horse Heaven Hills.

Please, represent our community's interests by saying no to this project.

Respectfully,
Dan & Pam Richey

 From:
 Owens, Joan (UTC)

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

 Subject:
 FW: Scout Wind Farm

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:06:07 PM

Public Comment #0082 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

Thanks.

~Joan Owens

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

Secretary Supervisor

Email: <u>joan.owens@utc.wa.gov</u> Phone number: (360) 664-1920 EFSEC Email: <u>efsec@utc.wa.gov</u>

EFSEC phone number: (360) 664-1345

Address: 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey WA 98503-3172

Mailstop/P.O. Box: 43172

www.efsec.wa.gov

From: BP Moyers bmoyers@frontier.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:04 PM

To: Owens, Joan (UTC) < joan.owens@utc.wa.gov>

Subject: Scout Wind Farm

External Email

I am writing you to protest the plan by Scout Energy to construct a huge wind farm in Benton County Washington. Such a plan is absolutely a waste of money and creates a major unbelievable eyesore on our hills and mountains. Wind and solar power is not reliable. There is currently no means to store the small amount of generated electricity until it is needed during peak demand periods. Our area presently has very reliable dams and nuclear power station for power generation. If California needs additional power, they have wind and sun and should consider these farms in their back yards. Or, be smart about it and build reliable nuclear generating stations. I'm certain that the folks at the Columbia Generating Station could give them some excellent pointers as to how that is accomplished.

Ben Moyers Richland From: Deborah Marks
To: EFSEC (UTC)
Subject: Wind Farm

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:53:41 PM

Public Comment #0083 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

I vote No Deborah Marks 3825 S Lincoln Street Kennewick, Wa

Sent from my iPhone

From: Robert Dickenson

To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Comments for Public Information Meeting: Horse Heaven Wind Project

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:18:54 PM

Public Comment #0084 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Please do not approve the application for the Horse Heaven Wind Project. This project will not benefit our area; it will be destructive to the area.

I did not know much about windmill farms other than looking at them on the way to Portland or out south of my home. I have recently found out how "un-recyclable" these windmills are. The fiberglass never deteriorates and just has to be buried and the huge amount of engine oil is not recyclable either.

These windmills will be larger by far than the ones south of my home, causing too much noise, ruining the delightful daylight views, scarring the nighttime with flashing lighting, and killing unsuspecting birds. Contrary to the proposal, we have huge numbers of bird population in the area and flying through the area.

Is this an emotional comment? Yes! I can hardly take it in that a company from *out of state* wants to ruin my beautiful desert home area with these awful windmills and then *send the little power it produces out of state*.

Thank you for turning down the Horse Heaven Wind Project application.

Marilyn Dickenson

525 S Auburn #6342

Kennewick, WA 99336

From: <u>Larry Roberts</u>
To: <u>EFSEC (UTC)</u>

Subject:Proposed Wind Turbine FarmDate:Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:45:48 PM

Public Comment #0085 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Dear Sir,

Regarding the proposed Wind Farm on Horse Heaven Hills.

As a retired industrial technology teacher, I love wind turbines for their technological achievement.

But, here are the facts.

1. Wind turbines never pay for themselves.

https://www.windpowerengineering.com/windpower-profitability-and-break-even-point-calculations/

2. Wind turbines only last 25 years.

https://kurz.com/wind-turbine-lifespan/

3. Wind turbines decommissioning is a huge cost.

https://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/renewable/wind/the-cost-of-decommissioning-wind-turbines-is-huge/

3. Wind turbines don't kill as many birds as cats do, but they do kill large number of raptors with some on the endangered list.

https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2012/dec/22/big-wind-tax-credit-exterminates-endangered-specie/

 $\frac{https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/business/2014/09/15/wind-turbines-kill-fewer-birds-than-cell-towers-cats/15683843/$

4. Wind turbines as beautiful as they are, when grouped become an eye sore. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4997432/

5. The only people who make money on these projects are the contractors and landowners.

https://sciencing.com/info-8337416-much-farmer-make-wind-turbine.html https://www.nationalreview.com/2016/06/wind-energy-subsidies-billions/

6. Wind turbines do create steal workers jobs, union jobs and temporary jobs.

 $\underline{https://www.energy.gov/eere/articles/wind-energy-supporting-600000-jobs-2050}$

https://www.windpowerengineering.com/many-jobs-wind-farms-create/

But I believe a more effective way to use these steal workers are in the construction of a sodium cooled fast reactor on the Hanford site. I don't agree with Bill Gates on many things, but I believe he is right on how to provide lasting low-cost energy.

I'm not in favor of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Larry Roberts

814 S. Tweedt St.

Kennewick, WA.

509-734-7791

 From:
 Betty Horton

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

 Subject:
 Wind turbines

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:32:13 PM

Public Comment #0086 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

I vote no. They make to much noise. Ruin our environment. Cost to much for up keep. Our utilities will go up. I will stay with our dams and nuclear power. Plus your company do no live here. Thank you for your time betty horton

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® A

 From:
 Owens, Joan (UTC)

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: FW: In Support of the Wind Turbines

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 8:09:27 AM

Public Comment #0087 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

Thanks.

~Joan Owens

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

Secretary Supervisor

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Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:17 PM

To: Kidder, Ami (UTC) <ami.kidder@utc.wa.gov>; Moon, Amy (UTC) <amy.moon@utc.wa.gov>;

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Jeff Gugliotto Pasco,WA
 From:
 Dave Marsh

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

 Cc:
 Dave Marsh

Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Farm Application

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 8:36:46 AM

Public Comment #0088 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Dear EFSEC staff,

I live in the Tri-Cities in the South West Kennewick area and there is not a day that goes by that I do not enjoy the views we have of our ridgelines throughout the Tri-Cities area. I therefor am opposed to the installation of over 200 wind machines littering our landscape and destroying our beautiful landscape. The installation of Wind machines is not the long term answer to our shortage of electrical power generation. They are expensive, and high maintenance, are not a reliable source of power during peak need times and destroy our landscape and harm wildlife. I propose that the committee seriously look at the installation of Small Modular Reactors (much like the ones being developed by NuScale Power and Oregon State University) that can be run continuously and meet our power needs much more efficiently and in the long term more cost effectively than a Wind Farm.

Respectfully submitted, Dave Marsh
13506 Grand View Lane
Kennewick, Wa 99338

 From:
 Glenn Caprio

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

To:EFSEC (UTC)Public Comment #0089Subject:No on Horse Heaven Hills Windmill ProjectHorse Heaven Wind FarmDate:Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:15:49 AMDocket #0089

External Email

The new Scout Energy Wind Farm provides NO long term benefits to the Tri-Cities. All energy will go either to the west side of Washington or out of state. Most of the people who are in favor of the project do not understand that fact.

While there are no positive benefits there are significant negative impacts including:

Ruined vistas
Killing protected and migratory birds
Mind numbing non-stop thumping noises

Thank you,

Glenn Caprio

From: <u>Lisa Smith</u>
To: <u>EFSEC (UTC)</u>

Subject: Please reject HHH wind farm - Forbes article

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 11:08:16 AM

Public Comment #0090 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Hi - I live in Kennewick and am very opposed to the proposal for a huge wind farm on our beautiful Horse Heaven Hills. Not only would it ruin our landscape but as discussed in this article, it wouldn't displace fossil fuels but only hydro power and would only function at 30% capacity. This is not the right place for the wind farm! Please listen to the majority of our community who is opposed to this.

<u>Wind Turbines On Washington's Horse Heaven Hills – How Not To Pursue A Green New Deal</u> (forbes.com)

Sincerely,

Lisa Smith

 From:
 Joe Bruce

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Project Public Commentary

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:08:14 PM

Public Comment #0091 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

I'm not able to attend or speak at the meeting for public comment, but would like to make my concerns known.

I own property I will be building a home on in Badger Canyon, at the end of Bridge Road, in Benton County. My property will be within 1 mile of the project with a turbine proposed 1.5 miles from my property. I'd like to comment on the proposal.

I'm not opposed to wind energy generally. I'm not opposed to wind energy from Horse Heaven.

The proposed project puts the turbines immediately on the edge of the ridge, where people live and have established their homes. There are acres of non-residential land available further from residences and less destructive to the landscape and scenery.

I would like for the project to address why those areas further out are not sufficient.

I'm also concerned about ambient noise. Depending on where you look up statistics, the ambient noise level will be 40-50 db. That's like my neighbor running their lawn mower all the time. Another mile away and the noise level could be negligible. I think the project could be more accommodating to the people who will have to tolerate the turbines day in and day out. So far, I've seen no evidence of accommodation.

I would like for the project to address what mitigation or repositioning strategies they can employ.

I am concerned about the routing of the generated electricity from the wind farm. I would like guarantees that lines will not travel in the direction of my property from the wind farm, but will be routed away from people to previously established high-voltage lines (or other established infrastructure).

I would like for the project to make known where the proposed transit lines will be located.

Fundamentally, my question is: what considerations are being paid to the lives of individuals affected by this change? From the literature I've read, we are just statistics lost in the wash of environmentalism and money. Please consider the experience of the individual as well.

Thank you for your consideration, Joe Bruce

From: Terry Johnson EFSEC (UTC) To:

Public Comment #0092 Subject: Horse Heavens Wind Project comment Horse Heaven Wind Farm Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:12:29 PM Docket #210011

External Email

I want to register strong opposition to this project and recommend it not be approved to move forward.

The project provides limited benefit to Washington power users.

The project provides virtually no power benefit to the local users most affected by its siting.

The project irretrievably damages the scenic value of the hills south of the area creating an abominable eyesore.

The plan to retire the project at the end of its life cycle is inadequate, leaving the eyesore in place for decades.

In the absence of heavy taxpayer support through energy subsidies the project makes no economic sense. We the taxpayers are lining the pockets of Scout energy.

In the strongest terms possible I ask the siting council to reject this project.

Terry L. Johnson 607 Muriel St. Richland, WA 99352

Sent from my iPad

From: <u>Mark and Lois Killinger</u>

To: <u>EFSEC (UTC)</u>

Subject: Horse Heaven Hills wind farm

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:28:23 PM

Public Comment #0093 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Dear Council members,

We strongly **oppose** the subject wind farm for the reasons given by PUD commissioners and many other Tri-Citians. As locals, it's only fair that our opinions be primary when you consider what should be done in our area.

Sincerely,
Mark & Lois Killinger
West Richland

Mark & Lois Killinger mark.killinger@hotmail.com

From: Shirley Schepperd
To: EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: iWind Turbines in Horse Heaven hills Benton County

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 4:05:22 PM

Public Comment #0094 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Please do not approve. This will ruin this already devestated Community.

Thank you. Shirley Schepperd Tax Payer
 From:
 Fred Lieske

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Fwd: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments

Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 4:28:31 PM

Public Comment #0095 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

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Date: Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 3:16 PM

Subject: Fwd: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments To: Fred Lieske <flieske1117@gmail.com>

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 From:
 Kathleen King

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Farm

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 7:45:29 AM

Public Comment #0095 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

We have lived in south Kennewick for 35 years. Please DO NOT allow this eyesore to be built in our beautiful high desert. We love hiking and taking drives in the beautiful horse heaven hills. Please don't damage this beauty.

We can already see wind farm structures from our area.

Please DON'T ADD MORE.

Thank you

Kathleen and Ron King

5500 W 20th Ave, Kennewick, WA 99338

 From:
 Moon, Amy (UTC)

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: FW: In Support of the Wind Turbines

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:12:30 AM

Public Comment #0097 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

From: Jeff Gugliotto < jeff.gugliotto@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:17 PM

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 From:
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 To:
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Subject: Fwd: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 9:50:23 AM

Public comment #0098 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

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From: **Greg Carl** < <u>gregcarl1256@gmail.com</u>>

Date: Mon, Mar 15, 2021 at 9:02 AM

Subject: Proposed Horse Heaven Wind Farm To: <<u>Commissioners@co.benton.wa.us</u>>

Hello,

We can't afford to waste resources on the proposed Horse Heaven Wind Farm in my opinion. I am very concerned about fossil fuels and global warming but this project wouldn't help solve the problem. Jim Conca's excellent op ed in the Tri Cities Herald, 3/14/21, explains that our winds aren't steady enough to be efficient and the wind energy generated in our region would be replacing hydroelectric energy, not fossil fuels. Spring is the season when the wind blows most consistently here, it's also the season of highest river flow and abundant hydroelectric energy. Our utilitis have to buy the wind generated electricity and therefore have surplus energy to sell at depressed prices. Mid summer heat and mid winter cold, when energy needs are high, come with low winds. Wind energy has an important role in some areas such as the Great Plains or certain offshore locations etc. but not here.

A bold and very useful move would be to support nuclear energy as a base load source of electricity using prefabricated modules. Our regional political leaders have been disappointing on the subject of fossil fuels but I'm hopeful that they could be supportive of this new technology since the people of the mid Columbia are not as inclined toward irrational fear of nuclear energy as in other areas. An aggressive embrace of nuclear energy modules would be an economic boost to our region and would be a great fit with the experimental grid that is planned for our county.

I appreciate the opportunity to be heard!

Sincerely, Greg Carl Richland, Wa.
 From:
 Moon, Amy (UTC)

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: FW: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 10:43:09 AM

Public comment #0099 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

Please make sure Lloyds (Fred) comments were received in the EFSEC email in-box. He sent them to me as well to make sure we got them.

From: Fred Lieske <flieske1117@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 10:21 AM
To: Moon, Amy (UTC) <amy.moon@utc.wa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Wind Farm Town Hall Comments

External Email

I think the 130 to 170 feet refers to the length of the turbine blades, at any rate the Scout representative told me the turbines would be located at the highest possible points on our landscape, what a horribly grotesque landscape we would be left with, PLEASE REJECT THE PLAN FROM SCOUT ENERGY.

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Date: Wed, Mar 17, 2021 at 4:28 PM

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To: <efsec@utc.wa.gov>

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 From:
 Andrea Aldrich

 To:
 EFSEC (UTC)

Subject: Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2021 10:59:41 AM

Public comment #0100 Horse Heaven Wind Farm Docket #210011

External Email

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I'd like to encourage you to read Jim Conca's opinion piece in the March 14, 2021 edition of the Tri-City Herald. I agree with Mr. Conca; the Scout Clean Energy project isn't as valuable to our region as Scout Clean Energy would like us to believe.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Andrea J. Aldrich 5708 Mulberry Dr. West Richland, WA 99353