

**From:** [Maria Allan](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.23  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 3:21:39 PM

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External Email

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The money would be better spent on the newer technology of the smaller nuclear plants . . . we already have the infrastructure and it would make a lot more energy than wind turbines.

Submitted by Maria Allan

**From:** [Allen family](#)  
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**Subject:** HH wind Public Comment  
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Submitted by

Kimberly J Allen \_\_\_\_\_

Please excuse the brevity and any typos. Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [blankhorse@aol.com](mailto:blankhorse@aol.com)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse heaven hills wind turbines  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 11:38:32 AM

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Submitted by \_Teresa Anderson. Benton City WA \_\_\_\_\_ [Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

**From:** [Darrell Baxter](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:24:26 AM

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Submitted by Darrell Baxter 1656 S Honeysuckle St Kennewick WA 99338

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Llorene](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Turbine Wind Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 2:55:24 PM

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External Email

To Whom It May Concern –

As a citizen of the Tri-Cities, I am ***not*** in favor of this massive, intrusive wind turbine project that is being proposed in our area and wish to have my vote counted accordingly. Thank you.

Llorene Bezanson  
Richland, Washington

**From:** [Joyce Bonner](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven wind Farm  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 10:11:37 AM

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Submitted by

Robert and Joyce Bonner

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [Ken & Mel Bower](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Wind Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 1:08:04 PM

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Submitted by \_Melanie Bower, 1902 W 24th Ave, Kennewick, WA 99337 (509) 585-8956

**From:** [Joyce](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** OPPOSITION TO HORSE HEAVEN WIND FARMS IN EASTERN WASHINGTON  
**Date:** Sunday, August 20, 2023 12:29:59 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

It's sad that when a company tries to gather information locally regarding our Horse Heaven Hills and their ideas that making Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farms would be beneficial to our area, and we OPPOSE it because we care about our environment; then they go to the West side and start lobbying for it!

There have been a lot of studies about the negative impact of Wind Farms, just to name a few...killing countless numbers of migrating birds (including the Bald Eagle), noise pollution, inability of firefighting planes being able to drop water to put out fires near home communities due to the size/placement of the Wind Farms (and we're in a very volatile wildfire area). We DON'T NEED this in our area! We DON'T WANT THIS in our area!

Please, for once, listen to what locals have to say and VOTE AGAINST the Horse Heaven Wind Farms!

Thank you,

Joyce A. Bowman  
long time Richland, Washington resident and lover of our community

**From:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#); [EFSEC mi Adjudication](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Horse Heaven Wind Project Deliberations  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 30, 2023 12:42:00 PM

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**From:** kmbrun@gmail.com <kmbrun@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2023 12:22 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (EFSEC) <efsec@efsec.wa.gov>  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Project Deliberations

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Council Members,

Having just spent the major portion of two weeks listening to cross examination and rebuttal, you have much to consider. I would hope that you digest the information and examine this very immense and complex project carefully. Consider how you would feel if it would be visible to your home every day. That is what we in the Tri-Cities have to look forward to – all for very little difference. This area is a terrible place for wind turbines with sufficient wind velocity available just 5 months of the year and most of that between February and May when snowmelt is at its peak. Wind power would replace hydro; thus making zero net carbon difference as one renewable energy source would replace another, not add to it.

You heard a lot of testimony and I hope you have a better idea of the immense visual and environmental impacts this project will have on this area. The Horse Heaven Hills is an iconic landmark in this area and polluting it with wind turbines is unconscionable. It would be like putting an equivalent number of turbines in Lake Washington or Puget Sound. I'm sure if some corporation proposed doing that you would turn it down in a heartbeat.

Scout Clean Energy did not make any effort to engage the community in this project as recommended by Dean Apostol. They did not put together a group of stakeholders to come up with a project design that the community would support. They sat behind closed doors and designed something that would line their pockets, and with the help of Chair Drew, are trying to foist it on the Tri-Cities. I would hope you all consider this very carefully, keeping in mind how you would feel if this was being sited out your windows, and not be bullied into approving something that you know in your heart is just plain wrong.

Thank you,

Karen Brun  
Kennewick, WA

**From:** [CHRISTINA BUNCH](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Say no to wind turbine project!  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:17:26 AM

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Submitted by Christina Bunch.

**From:** [CHRISTINA BUNCH](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Say no to wind turbine project!  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:16:02 AM

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**From:** [Burnham, Shirley J](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Shirley Burnham](#)  
**Subject:** Letter to EFSEC  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 5:10:04 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to EFSEC.pdf](#)  
**Importance:** High

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See attached letter!

Sincerely,  
Shirley Burnham

**From:** [Carl Cadwell](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind turbines  
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Submitted by

Carl Cadwell  
Richland, WA

**From:** [Mark and Cheryl Cejka](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** No on Wind Turbines in the Tri-Cities  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 5:06:31 PM

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Submitted by Mark and Cheryl Cejka

**From:** [Heather Coffland](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Adjudication  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 8:22:29 AM

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I do not agree and am against the building of the wind farms in Horse Heaaven.

Thank you,  
Heather Coffland  
(509)845-9442

**From:** [Amy Conradt](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 5:49:15 PM

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Submitted by

Amy Conradt

**From:** [Kim C.](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Opposing proposed wind farm  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 9:33:40 PM

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I am opposed to the Horse Heaven Wind Farm project that has been proposed. Aside from the eyesore it would inevitably be on the beautiful vistas we have of our hills, environmental studies show that the turbines are detrimental to local birds and other wildlife. The windmills also have been known to leak oil over time, contaminating the groundwater and soil.

The majority of residents who live locally do not want the windmill farm. We've seen the atrocities in the once beautiful, unmarred, Gorge along the Columbia river on the Oregon side of the river, and have seen them slowly closing in around the Tri-Cities. I have never once seen every windmill functional amongst a group, and they seem to be riddled with frequent failures.

Please take into consideration the voice of the residents surrounding the proposed windmill site. Please also consider the environmental impact on wildlife. We do not need to cause any more damage than has already been done. Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,  
Kim Craigo

**From:** [bdana@danaengineering.com](mailto:bdana@danaengineering.com)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Cc:** [Bill Dana](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Turbine Comments- by William Dana  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 12:10:27 PM

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Hello, I am WA Registered Professional Engineer and also a Pilot. The proposed wind turbine project so close to the Tri Cities will present serious AVIATION COLLISION HAZARDS. Unfortunately, many times during the year the FOG covers the turbines. When on an instrument flight through the clouds the turbines are impossible to detect. Airplanes are descending in altitude during approach to the Tri Cities Airport and to the Richland WA airport. This wind turbine project is also a very bad idea for several other reasons:

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Submitted by  
William Dana



**Dana Engineering, Inc.**  
**William Dana, President**  
**4000 S. Irby St.**  
**Kennewick, WA 99337-2455**  
**Office: 509-582-0126**

**From:** [Debi Daniels](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 9:29:15 PM

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External Email

My husband and I are NOT in favor of the wind turbine project on the hills above Badger Canyon!!  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jeff Daniels](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind turbines  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 3:19:55 PM

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External Email

My wife and I are opposed to the wind turbine project in the hills above Badger Canyon!!!  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Lisa Danielson](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 2:13:58 PM

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External Email

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Horse Heaven Wind Project. I'm disappointed with the limited notice.

There is no question that our state needs to respond to climate change and the consumer need for renewable energy. Local values on this issue are demonstrated in public policy many places. Quite obviously, wind and solar projects around the state should be part of the mix that is our state's energy future and the risk of running short on power to meet resident's needs is real.

I'm troubled by the opposition position on this project. A limited number of people are arguing that the impacts of this project on the Tri Cities is disproportionate to Western Washington. This flies in the face of the reality of a growing population statewide, and the increasing urgency of infrastructure - including energy infrastructure - necessary to fuel daily life. We are one Washington that needs a strong economic platform that both creates jobs and supplies needed energy. In conclusion, I trust that EFSEC is fairly and independently evaluating the impacts and the benefits of the Horse Heaven project. Let the data and the science drive that decision. Don't let the decision be based on a limited number of nimby objections and short sighted local politics. We are one Washington, not two.

Respectfully,  
Lisa Danielson

**From:** [Lisa Davis](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills wind farm hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:49:40 PM  
**Attachments:** [Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm - written testimony.docx](#)

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External Email

Dear EFSEC,  
I have attached comments that I wish to make during the Hearing scheduled for August 23 as an online event.  
I am requesting that you provide me with contact information, log in information and format for the Hearing so that I may participate.  
Thank you,  
Lisa R. Davis  
Kennewick, WA

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**From:** [Lisa Davis](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Farm Hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 9:11:36 PM  
**Attachments:** [Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm - written testimony.pdf](#)

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**From:** [Becky Durr](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8/23/23  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 4:50:00 PM

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External Email

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Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.23

Submitted by Rebecca Durr

**From:** [Hollis](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Useless & worthless wind turbines  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 7:00:39 PM

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Submitted by, Mrs. Hollis Eggers, Kennewick, WA

**From:** [outsets\\_shogun0w@icloud.com](mailto:outsets_shogun0w@icloud.com)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** HHH Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:11:10 PM

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Submitted by

C. Eisen

**From:** [Brandon Eissens](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop the windfarm project!  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 4:54:01 PM

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Brandon and Sherice Eissens

**From:** [Brandon Eissens](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Please stop the windfarm  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 4:54:46 PM

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**From:** [JD Frasso](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:30:47 PM

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Submitted by,

Mrs. Diane Frasso  
Kennewick, WA 99338

**From:** [JD Frasso](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills Turbine Wind Project: Public Comment Hearing Wed. August 23, 2023 5:30-8 PM  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:17:31 PM

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External Email

To members of the EFSEC, with regards to the above project:

As I'm unable to attend this important meeting, I would like to submit my comments through this email, and, if possible, submit my vote AGAINST this project.

As I've watched, driven through, and researched other areas of this state, this country, and even in other parts of the world who have been inundated with this type of project, I'm realizing that much of the information that is put out by "clean-energy" companies, including Scout Clean Energy, is only the information they want agencies and consumers to hear. Unfortunately, there is very little information from them with regards to how much energy is expended to produce these massive wind turbines, how little energy is actually derived from these massive wind turbines, how unreliable wind power really is, and how difficult it is to de-commission, and cleanly dispose of, these massive wind turbines when they need to be.

These drawbacks alone should be great cause for concern, but coupled with the wildlife hazards, the landscape destruction, the blight of visually having to see these massive machines atop our hills, and the noise & light pollution, I don't find any way to justify this project in our area.

Thank you for considering my comments and my vote.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Diane Frasso  
Kennewick, WA 99338

**From:** [David & Cindy Garber](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind turbines  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:23:34 AM

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Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.23

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Cynthia Garber \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** [Judy Gelhaus](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** My Statement on the Proposed HH Wind Farm Above the Tri-Cities-Cities  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 2:32:44 PM

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Submitted by: Judith E. Gelhaus  
5406 Fayette Ln  
Pasco, Washington 99301

**From:** [Connie Gillispie](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Stop Wind Farm Tri-Cities  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 1:07:48 AM

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External Email

Wind mills too big, too tall and too destructive! We live in this community and should have a say in something that is going to destroy our environment. This isn't Russia! Stop the insanity in my back yard!

**From:** [Connie Gillispie](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns Regarding Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:59:18 PM

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Submitted by Connie Gillispie  
2107 South Zinser Street  
Kennewick WA 99338

**From:** [Connie Gillispie](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Stop the Wind Farms in Benton County  
**Date:** Friday, August 18, 2023 2:18:56 PM

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External Email

Our community is being bullied into accepting this project! I've never seen such back handed politics. This wind farm is not good for our area! Please stop!

**From:** [nancyjg@charter.net](mailto:nancyjg@charter.net)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Turbine Project - Against  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:55:17 AM

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External Email

I grew up in the Tri-Cities. The Horse Heaven Hills are the ONLY ridgeline landscape of the desert area of Southeastern Washington that I have ever known. I can't even imagine putting 25 miles of ugly wind turbines along the ridge. They will be a blight and eyesore to everyone. The 'west-siders' wouldn't want 25 miles of wind turbines along the Cascade ridge, why should we give up our only ridgeline?

Kennewick and South Richland are growing to the south. As growth continues, the sight of these ugly wind turbines will have a detrimental effect on who will move here and who would want the sight of a wind turbine out their windows. I know I wouldn't be inclined to purchase a home anywhere near these wind turbines. Housing developments in Badger Canyon are already in close proximity and full view of where the turbines would be located. They are at risk of property devaluation as soon as the turbines are erected.

I have many concerns with this project:

- Why has Scout Energy gone to great lengths not to hold public hearings in the Tri-Cities? That tells me they know the county and residents are opposed.
- Southeastern Washington doesn't need this 'new' power source. We have all the power we need from hydro-electric and nuclear sources. This power is probably meant for the west side of the state. Let them put the turbines there if they need the power. Why come and destroy our land and eco-structure?
- I can't even imagine the damage to our ecosystem and wildlife caused by these turbines. Scout Energy and Governor Inslee don't seem to care.
- The environmental impact statement does not cover the 'graveyard' of non-biodegradable waste from these turbines. The blades are ~200 feet in length. They don't last forever and must be disposed of. Why hasn't Scout told us where this graveyard will be located? I don't think Tri-Citians will like the answer. Why hasn't the EPA wanted to know?

As a resident of South Richland, I am adamantly opposed to this wind turbine project. I feel that Scout Energy and Governor Inslee are shoving this down our throats.

Nancy Graves  
1019 Lethbridge Ave.  
Richland, WA 99352

**From:** [Sharon Grunst](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** No to Windmills visible from the Tri-Cities  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:46:10 AM

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External Email

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I have previously submitted comments to our Benton County Commissioners. The blinking red lights visible in the gorge and the highway to Bend are especially annoying and do not want them or the turbines on our hills. I am especially upset that the Governor is promoting this decision for us on the east side.

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I urge you to reconsider this ill-conceived wind turbine project. I believe that renewable energy is important for a sustainable future; however, it should not come at the expense of our community's well-being and natural beauty.

Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.23

Submitted by Sharon Grunst

**From:** [Melody Hall](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** turbine wind project comments  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 6:34:53 PM

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External Email

To whom it may concern,  
I would like to voice my opinion on the proposed Horse Heaven Wind Project.

**PLEASE DO NOT ruin our beautiful  
countryside with this project.**

The Horse Heaven Hills Project isn't green at all. The need for the project is unproven and will force dependence on giant, mechanical monsters which have very little impact on climate change at all.

This project has nothing to do with protecting the earth from the impacts of climate change and power. Instead, it is dedicated to corporate profits at the expense of the public and the impact on the local environment. Spending \$1.7 billion dollars on this project, **much of it is taxpayer money, is irresponsible, unnecessary, unacceptably damaging and wasteful.**

**It is not worth the impact on humans, animals, and the environment. **Just another bureaucratic MESS!****

**PLEASE STOP THIS!**

**a very concerned resident of Benton County who does NOT want this EYE SORE in her backyard.**

**M. Hall**

**From:** [K Hamilton](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind turbine opposition  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 12:28:40 PM

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External Email

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** K Hamilton <ihp81@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** August 22, 2023 at 12:15:09 PM PDT

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Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment  
Hearing 8.23.23

kellie Hamilton



Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Greg Hammer](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.23  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 12:49:04 PM

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External Email

Dear EFSEC members,

I have lived in the Tri-Cities, Washington for 40 years, I generally support wind energy and diversity of our power infrastructure, however I am very concerned by the proposed wind turbine project that threatens to devastate our views, wildlife habitat, and safety.

This proposed wind turbine project is **far** too close to local housing and population centers. There are thousands of acres of land across Washington state that are not this close to housing and would be better suited for this project.

The size and scope of the turbines proposed is unprecedented for Washington State, if not the entire United States. The proximity of these turbines will destroy our cherished views and forever change the landscape we hold dear.

The project poses a significant threat to our local wildlife population that is already on the endangered list. Studies have shown that wind turbines can cause harm to birds and bats due to collisions with spinning blades or changes in their habitat caused by construction activities. The construction and operation of these turbines will disrupt natural habitats, leading to a decline in biodiversity in an area already struggling with environmental challenges. Our unique ecosystem cannot afford such irreparable damage.

The construction will create a huge blowing dust issue that will be exacerbated by Scout Energy not having an adequate water source to control dust.

The quantity and height of the wind turbines will severely limit aerial firefighting capabilities in this area. Their towering height could impede firefighting aircraft from effectively combating wildfires that frequently plague our area during dry seasons. This jeopardizes both property and lives as we rely on swift response times during emergencies. Having unobstructed access for firefighting aircraft is vital for protecting lives and properties.

It is unjustifiable for Washington state taxpayers to bear the burden while Scout Energy

reaps substantial benefits at our expense, due to the tax credits that have been extended.

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I urge you to reconsider this ill-conceived wind turbine project. I believe that renewable energy is important for a sustainable future; however, it should not come at the expense of our community's well-being and natural beauty.

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Greg Hammer

President | Inline Computer & Communications

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**From:** [Jolene Hattori](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** conference ID #6326170  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 1:32:23 PM

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External Email

I cannot attend meeting.

I am not in favor of the turbine project on the hills of Badger Canyon.

Jolene Hattori

**From:** [tyler](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** No windmills  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023 10:34:45 PM

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External Email

We do not want windmill farms here!!

Just stop!

**From:** [Michelle Hopp](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Tri City Windfarm  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 2:48:05 PM

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External Email

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Sincerely,  
michelle hopp

**From:** [Prent Houck](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hill Public Comments  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 3:49:21 PM

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External Email

I'm a resident of Tri-Cities, Washington, I am deeply troubled by the proposed wind turbine project. I see little to no value to our community from this project and it will have massive negative impacts to the environment, the ecosystem, views, and safety. This project doesn't even pass a back of the envelope test of economics.

The project suggests that it will produce a 1,000 jobs during construction and some nominal amount of jobs on going. There is no guarantee that those construction jobs will go to our residents and that the ongoing maintenance jobs will be source locally. Typically, companies come in with these gradious jobs numbers to get everyone and the unions all excited and the reality is dramatically less.

**This proposed wind turbine project is planned to cover approximately 24 miles of land and is within view of 10's of thousands of residents and close to hundreds of residents.** It is unprecedented for Washington State, if not the entire United States. The sheer size and proximity of these turbines will destroy our cherished views and forever change the landscape we hold dear. I've seen the turbines near Ellensburg, WA and the ones in Livermore, CA and San Gorgonio Pass near Palm Springs, CA. I have yet to hear anyone say that they like them except perhaps a retired farmer getting paid for their land.

Furthermore, this ill-conceived project poses a significant threat to our local wildlife population. Studies have shown that wind turbines can cause harm to birds and bats due to collisions with spinning blades or changes in their habitat caused by construction activities. The construction and operation of these turbines will disrupt natural habitats, leading to a decline in biodiversity in an area already struggling with environmental challenges. Our unique ecosystem cannot afford such irreparable damage. Additionally, the moving shadows of the rotating blades are disruptive to people and animals, not to mention the noise and the flashing lights at night.

Additionally, the quantity and height of the wind turbines could severely limit aerial

firefighting capabilities. Their towering height (UP TO 671 feet) will be taller than the Space Needle in Seattle. **Imagine 244 Space Needles in Seattle, I'm guessing there would be complaints.** Their height and density will impede firefighting aircraft from effectively combating wildfires that frequently plague our area during dry seasons. This jeopardizes both property and lives as we rely on swift response times during emergencies. Having unobstructed access for firefighting aircraft is vital for protecting lives and properties.

As a TAX PAYER, this is a poor use of tax funds, and I do not want to subsidise this project. If the project is economically feasible, then it should make sense for it to stand on it's own. This project's financial feasibility will be get subsidies and tax credits granted to an out-of-state developer. It is unjustifiable for us as taxpayers to bear the burden while an external entity reaps substantial benefits at our expense.

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4. There are more than 14,000 abandoned wind turbines in the U.S., some are being replaced with new models, the OLD Ones end up in a landfill.

EFSEC has the moral, ethical, and perhaps legal responsibility to balance the needs and desires of the Tri-Cities with those of the applicant. The applicant should go build in Colorado where they have lots of Land and Wind. Instead of allowing this massive wind turbine project to proceed as planned, it should be denied as it doesn't meet the needs of our population. and wildlife habitats. We should be using other viable means to produce clean energy and preserve our cherished environment.

I urge you to reconsider this ill-conceived wind turbine project. I believe that renewable energy is important for a sustainable future; however, it should not come at the expense of our community's well-being and natural beauty.

Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.23

Submitted by

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Prent Houck

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**From:** [Esther Irwin](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind turbines  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:23:23 PM

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External Email

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Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.23

Submitted by Esther L Irwin, Kennewick, WA

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bob Janzing](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Concerns about Wind Turbine Project Tri-Cities  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 5:57:03 PM

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External Email

To Whom it May Concern;

As a concerned resident of Tri-Cities, Washington, I am deeply troubled by the proposed wind turbine project that threatens to devastate our community.

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Sincerely,

Bob Janzing

Richland

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [D.Jordan](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse heaven wind farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 5:46:13 PM

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External Email

We don't want this here. We want our horse heavens, left alone.  
We want you to stop listening to poor planning, prevarications and LISTEN TO US.  
Leave our horse heavens alone.  
Please.  
Dana Jordan

**From:** [Kathy Kaser-Nichols](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Wind Turbine Project near Tri-Cities  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 10:37:31 AM

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External Email

This proposed project is insane.

Electricity from wind IS NOT VIABLE. Period

It damages the earth and its inhabitants--especially wildlife.

Disposal of spent blades, which do not last long, harm the environment (more than plastic!)  
At least find a way to recycle them--for building the Wall maybe?)

Stop the nonsense now!

They are aesthetically ugly to our natural world.

They are dangerous to man's survival against catastrophes such as fire.

I completely agree with all that is said below:

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Submitted by Kathryn Kaser-Nichols

**From:** [Steve & Jane Kirkendall](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** We Don't Want the Wind Turbine Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:23:04 PM

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External Email

We do not want the wind turbine farm!! It is a blight on the beautiful landscape and an environmental hazard as noted below:

1. According to studies conducted by renowned environmental organizations such as Greenpeace and Sierra Club, wind turbines have adverse effects on local wildlife populations, specifically birds that are killed by the thousands around wind turbines.
2. A report published by The National Renewable Energy Laboratory highlights concerns regarding fire safety near wind turbine installations, which would be disastrous since the wind blows toward town from the direction of the wind turbines.

Furthermore, our area has several of the most environmental friendly renewable power in both hydroelectric and nuclear power.

Please do not ruin our beautiful community with these ugly, low availability power sources!

Thank you,

Steve and Jane Kirkendall

2630 Quarterhorse Way

Richland Wa 99352

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [sheilakirk0727](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Reject Wind Turbins  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 5:29:24 PM

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External Email

I say NO to wind turbines in Badger canyon.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

**From:** [Dave Koontz](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Windmills  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 4:40:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [windfarm no.pdf](#)

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External Email

Please add me to the list of Tri-city residents who oppose the construction of new windmills in the Horse Heaven Hills above Badger Canyon. See attached.

Dave Koontz  
65 year resident of Richland and West Richland

**From:** [Chris Lentz](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** August 23rd HH Public Comment Hearing  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:59:38 PM

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External Email

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Submitted by

Christian Lentz

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Benton City, WA 99320

509 528 2814

**From:** [Jay Loera](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind project opposition  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 1:53:24 PM

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External Email

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Jason Loera

Jloera07@gmail.com

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Eve](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Tri-Cities WA Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 11:41:45 AM

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External Email

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Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.23

Submitted by: Eve Marchand

**From:** [kidcalled@charter.net](mailto:kidcalled@charter.net)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 12:40:24 PM

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External Email

August 23, 2023

The State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

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Trina S McInturff  
1502 S Harrison St  
Kennewick, WA 99338

**From:** [michelle mennetrot](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 8:04:24 AM

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External Email

Good morning. Thank you for taking time to read my comment.

I live in West Richland, Washington and have lived in the Tri-Cities since I was an infant. Growing up here, I didn't always think our area was beautiful. As I have aged, I have come to see the unique natural beauty of our area and have always enjoyed our beautiful sunsets. If you have spent any time over here, I know you would be mesmerized by our sunsets—they are spectacular! Turbines would ruin this beauty. I implore you to reconsider.

My concern with the wind project is that it will cause more harm than good. This proposed turbine project is too close and too large causing more harm than good! I have experience with other wind farms. My family and I travel quite often to visit family in France. Each time, we visit my husband's aunt who lives in a small seaside town called Fecamp in upper Normandy. There is a huge turbine project being erected as we speak—in the ocean! This is the area where Monet painted (near the famous door, Etretat) and his beautiful seascape is going to be ruined by gigantic, ugly turbines that will be there for generations to come. What kind of legacy is that leaving for posterity? Additionally, Fecamp has visible large wind turbines on land along the Alabaster coast. I have hiked this coast. The turbines are large and ruin the natural beauty of the landscape and their shadows are very dizzying as they rotate. I know how unsteady the land is as their sea cliffs often fall into the ocean. In fact, there are signs everywhere warning that the land is unstable and can fall at any time. The vibration from the turbines only makes it worse.

The turbines on the cliffs near Fecamp are not as large as the turbines proposed to be placed on the Horse Heaven Hills (which I read are taller than the Eiffel Tower). Have you visited Paris and stood under the Eiffel Tower? I have. Many times. I cannot believe this is even being proposed! It's not like you are placing one large turbine, but more than a hundred. Take a minute and think about our land? Could the vibration from these turbines cause landslides like the one near Yakima or the one near Naches? This cannot be considered safe. Think of the devastation that could cause. You can do all of the preparation to try to ensure the safety, but you cannot guarantee their safety. Can you, in good conscience, put your name on this project? I implore you to reconsider the Horse Heaven Hills Turbine Project. It will cause more harm than good.

Thank you again for taking the time to read my comment.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mennetrot



**Respondent No:** 1  
**Login:** Mercerdesigns  
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**Responded At:** Aug 23, 2023 17:46:22 pm  
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- Q1. **Name** Julie Mercer
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- Q2. **Email address** mercerinn@gmail.com
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- Q3. **Are you part of an Agency or Organization?** **Yes (please specify)**  
The Historic Mercer (Guest Suites) and The Bunkhouse Studios  
(artisan studios)
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- Q4. **Share any comment**
- Siting yet another "wind farm" in the pristine Horse Heaven Hills is a horrible way to ruin our beautiful hills for generations to follow for the economic gain of a few already subsidized wheat farmers. If this region was short of electrical power it would be a conversation, but we are not. We understand the need to reduce fossil fuels, and support efforts to do that, but destroying scenic sightlines is a blemish on our agricultural landscape for future generations. If you look at the "farms" that participated in this fiscally rewarding project you'll see they've left the land and the lands are now fallow and homes deserted. This region is home to the Washington wine industry - which has faced many challenges over the years including competing with California wines. Now we are facing a scared landscape with these monster towers looming over our beautiful and productive Valley. You've ruined the landscape around the Columbia Gorge and the rich soils and region around Walla Walla. Let's reduce consumers use, not generate more cheap power for other regions to consume. This is like building another lane on the freeway without alternatives to reduce trips. The fiscal impact this will deal our region (again to benefit a few financially) will financially damage both our tourism businesses and our quality of life, It will also deter people moving to this region to escape the homeless situations in bigger urban areas). Please don't ruin another region of our beautiful NW - what a horrible legacy to leave.
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- Q6. **Upload a picture (optional)** not answered
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- Q7. **Did you also share a video?** No
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- Q8. **What is the title of your video?** not answered
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**From:** [j.mercure@frontier.com](mailto:j.mercure@frontier.com)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Tri-Cities Cares  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 6:13:22 PM

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External Email

Please don't destroy the beauty of our southern views with your windmills. We acknowledge that we are blessed to live (and buy homes) in one of Kennewick's loveliest neighborhoods. We pay for that privilege with our taxes. I believe that you should acknowledge that these windmills will not be enough to power California but the sight of them will definitely diminish the natural horizon, the feeling of wide open peaceful spaces, the very reasons we spent our money here.

Our voices matter. Listen to us.

Jane Mercure  
16926 S Fairview Loop  
Kennewick WA 99338

**From:** [James Millbauer](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** HHCEC Spport  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 7:56:23 PM

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External Email

I'm here today to speak in support for the Horse Heaven Clean Energy Project. This project will have significant economic opportunities for our counties with a significant source of jobs and family wage jobs at that, as well as millions on dollars in total economic output. We need to enhance our energy portfolio so we can provide a variety of clean energy options for our nation and I believe this is a good choice.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Fraternally,

Jim Millbauer  
Kennewick, WA. 99336

**From:** [Ramona Morrow](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** No to anymore windmills on the beautiful Horse Heaven hills  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 1:33:36 PM

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External Email

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Becki Muhlbeier](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Turbine Farm Comments  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 11:21:45 AM

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Respectfully,

Rebecca Muhlbeier  
1209 ROad 62  
Pasco, WA 99301

**From:** [Jim Newell](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind project  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 3:56:12 PM

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Submitted by

Jim Newell

Benton City, WA

**From:** [Cindy Newport](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed wind turbine  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 6:01:07 AM

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Submitted by

Dan & Cindy Newport

**From:** I  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Disapproval of proposed wind farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 12:58:00 PM

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External Email

To whom it may concern,

This technology will soon be outdated as is all things of this nature. What is the plan for removing and restoring the natural lands in the event this proposed plan gets approved? More importantly the proposed wind farm is unsightly and will clutter our skyline and take from our most beautiful vistas. Please reconsider and have this ill conceived project cancelled. Now!

Regards

Ralph Nielsen  
8528 west 9th Avenue  
Kennewick WA. USA  
99336

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Glenn Oberdorfer](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** No windmills  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 11:53:33 AM

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Submitted by Glenn Oberdorfer

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Christine Oliver](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** WIND TURBINE TRI CITIES COMMENT  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 4:20:33 PM

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External Email

As a concerned resident of Tri-Cities, Washington I feel that wind turbine project threatens to impact our community in a negative way.

This proposed wind turbine project is not only too large but also too close to hundreds of homes. The size of the machines will devastate out cherished landscape. The amount of resources that it takes from production to disposal does not make sense for these wind farm projects. There are different alternatives. Please don't destroy hundreds of miles of our nature with these ridiculous machines.

Christy Oliver

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**From:** [Leilanie Parrish](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** NO WIND PROJECT!  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 5:44:52 PM

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External Email

I am not in favor of this intrusive wind project. It just is not right to infiltrate our area when so many are in disagreement to the full circle of these wind turbines. They do not help the greater good. STOP THE WIND PROJECT...STOP INVADING OUR AREA AND PEOPLE!

Leilanie Parrish  
Richland Washington Resident

**From:** [jack pickard](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Sunday, August 20, 2023 2:00:55 PM

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External Email

August 20, 2023

Scout Energy and Inslee,

Why is it that the citizens say NO very loud and very clear and you people keep trying to jam it down our throats time after time under false pretense until you get your way. Typical liberal tactics.

Your westside energy needs are being raised because of liberal mandates for electric cars, ferries and trucks to help out the Chinese mining of the necessary minerals needed to build the solar panels. If you want to go with the liberal carbon free dream why don't you start with the Chinese. Benton PUD is already 92% carbon free and the only reason they use wind energy at all is because they are forced to by Initiative 937. Wind produced electricity is at least double the cost and not reliable. The turbines have a twenty year life span before they are hauled off to landfills after the million dollar investment per tower to put them up.

I know the studies used by Scout say that a turbine can pay for itself in the twenty year lifespan but the stats made by California scientist say that can only happen if they run at optimal speed 24 hours a day for twenty years which can't happen.

I attended previous meetings held on these and couldn't believe that the union was for this project that would destroy 72,000 acres for the 50 steady jobs that it would create. The rest of the work would be done by Scout contractors. The only citizen in favor was Mr. Wiley who owns land along the Horse Heaven crest.

Its time you listen to the people who know not the people who are selling this liberal agenda. The Washington Dept of Fish and Wildlife and Benton County Commissioners are against this project along with the majority of the citizens that were allowed to give input.

LEAVE OUR SHRUBSTEPPE ALONE!!!!

Jack Pickard  
6908 W.3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Kennewick, WA 99336  
(509) 627-9244

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Carolyn Riddle](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills wind farm and solar project  
**Date:** Thursday, August 17, 2023 9:38:11 PM

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External Email

I'm a strong supporter of alternative energy development, but this project is not being done responsibly. It is critical to the ecological stability of this untouched area that scientific and expert opinions are taken into consideration. A project that has such a high impact on local residents and the environment must be approached with due consideration for its overall impacts, both positive and negative. Profit must never take precedence over the well-being of the people, flora, and fauna of an area.

Thank you for being a responsible developer.

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Carolyn Riddle

JMJ/F

**From:** [Bob Ruby](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Haven Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:30:50 AM

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Robert A Ruby  
87728 Summit View Dr.  
Kennewick, WA 99338

**From:** [Sharon Schaefer](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:15:13 PM

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Submitted by

Sharon Schaefer

**From:** [Valerie Schatz](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:05:02 PM

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External Email

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I urge you to reconsider this irresponsible and impractical wind turbine project. I believe that renewable energy is important for a sustainable future; however, it should not come at the expense of our community's well-being and natural beauty.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please reconsider what damage you are doing to the environment.

Valerie Schatz

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Benton City WA 99320

248-830-0689

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [dwshepherd49@yahoo.com](mailto:dwshepherd49@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 4:51:03 PM

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External Email

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Submitted by

Wendy Shepherd

3408 S Newport St.

Kennewick, WA

**From:** [Rich Simon](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven wind farm public comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 4:03:18 PM  
**Attachments:** [Horse Heaven Wind Farm Public Comment #1 by R. Simon.pdf](#)  
[Horse Heaven Wind Farm Public Comment #2 by R. Simon.pdf](#)

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External Email

Per instructions I have received, please find the attached set of two documents with my public comments on the proposed Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm proposal (on the Updated ASC)(EF-210011).

I have worked in the wind industry since 1977 and therefore believe I am eligible to submit these comments. I am submitting them in writing to ensure they are available for review and become part of the public record. I live in California and am currently on vacation; thus, I am submitting these documents in written format.

You may contact me below if necessary.

Thank you,

Richard L. Simon, President  
Simon Wind, Inc.  
Tel/cell: 801-647-4107

**SimonWind** 

**From:** [Spectrum](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind farms  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 1:21:37 PM

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3. Wind turbines are being investigated for the harm they do to ecosystems around them and what is used to build them and maintain them. More research needs to be done before just “hopping on the band wagon” with this project.

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I urge you to reconsider this ill-conceived wind turbine project.

Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.23

Submitted by Cindy Steinborn  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Docket Number EF-210011  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023 4:03:31 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: ntallar@everyactioncustom.com <ntallar@everyactioncustom.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 1:29 PM  
To: EFSEC (EFSEC) <efsec@efsec.wa.gov>  
Subject: Docket Number EF-210011

External Email

Dear Director Sonia Bumpus,

I am writing to ask that the Final EIS for Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project in Benton County take a stronger and more specific look at how the project can be designed to avoid impacts to the environment.

I support Washington's 100% clean energy target to combat the climate crisis. Audubon's science suggests that we may lose 389 species of N. American birds if warming climbs to 3 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. We are also in a biodiversity crisis. Conservation and clean energy must go hand in hand.

The Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project will be the largest renewable energy project in our state's history. As currently proposed, the project may cause unacceptable harm to state-listed Ferruginous Hawk and create barriers for landscape connectivity for shrub-steppe wildlife across a 113-square mile area. But the project could be considerably improved with more clarity on conservation measures and an alternative design.

The final EIS must include the following information and analysis to uphold our state's commitment to, and appreciation for, our wildlife and the connected landscapes they need. The final EIS must:

- Identify specific design features, mitigation measures and associated performance standards that will avoid adverse impacts related to wildlife movement and habitat connectivity within the Project Lease Boundary and at the regional level.
- Commit to how the proposed Project will avoid significant impacts to the Ferruginous Hawk population at the regional level by avoiding turbines within two miles of all documented nests and mitigating for direct and indirect loss of core and range habitat for all nests within six miles of the project.
- Include an alternative for analysis that features an explicit design for and commitment to turbine siting and other project components that minimizes impacts to the state-listed species and wildlife connectivity.
- Use the best available science to evaluate the magnitude and scale of impacts to birds due to turbine operation.

The build-out of renewable energy in Washington can be achieved in a way that honors the legal and sovereign rights of Treaty Tribes and balances the needs of both people and wildlife. We look to this Council and its staff to provide the leadership needed to achieve this vision.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tallar Nathan Tallar

17204 Sylvester Rd SW Normandy Park, WA 98166-3470 ntallar@hotmail.com

**From:** [Andy Taylor](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** windmills in kennewick  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 1:00:35 PM

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External Email

Windmills will ruin the landscape Benton County. Stupidity and ignorance rolled into one. Disregard to property rights, environmental impacts.

Disrespectful to those to the public.

Impact is much greater than the reward.

Disgusting

A Taylor

Sent from [Mail](#) fd down areor Windows

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**From:** [lori.tenvold](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:46:41 AM

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External Email

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Submitted by \_\_Lori and Pete Tenvold \_\_\_\_\_

**From:** [Gaye Tesar](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Turbine Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 8:10:04 PM

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Submitted by

Marjory Tesar  
3610 S Johnson St  
Kennewick WA

**From:** [Daniel Thompson](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed Wind Farm  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 7:50:03 AM

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External Email

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Submitted by

Dan Thompson  
Benton City, WA 99320

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Jpatthompson@outlook.com](mailto:Jpatthompson@outlook.com)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Project  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 3:38:27 PM

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External Email

I write today in full support of the Horse Heaven Clean Energy Project. I live in Rice, Washington on the east side of the State.

As I submit this testimony today, much of Eastern Washington is slowly recovering from wildfires that have ravaged our state. Climate Change and the warming of our planet are clearly contributing to the number and intensity of wildfires.

I support the Horse Heaven Project because it will deliver the new green energy our State needs. We cannot wait around for the naysayers, the climate change deniers or the nimby's to be comfortable with building wind and solar projects.

As someone who has worked with State and local governments over my career, I trust EFSEC made up of all the appropriate state agencies to evaluate this project fairly and based upon science and data. As one Eastern Washington landowner and a hunter I am not offended by needed windmills that generate green energy and lessen our dependence on fossil fuel. I am convinced that most residents in eastern and western Washington support wind power and understand that wind is not only our best option, but also has less visual and environmental impacts compared to other power sources.

I urge EFSEC to follow its governmental mandate and fairly assess impacts and mitigation, but get this project built.

**From:** [Mark Trout](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** NO TO WIND TURBINES  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 4:21:11 PM

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External Email

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Mark Trout  
329 N Kellogg St  
Kennewick, WA 99336

**From:** [Patrice Tullai](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 12:45:09 AM

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External Email

I am against this Horse Heaven Wind Farm. research will prove this type of power is NOT green and not sustainable. It is destructive in its operation, excavations of materials and maintenance. Wind energy is highly fossil fuel dependent.

Please do not do this project. It will destroy our beautiful state and our wildlife.

Patrice Tullai

[alicedean@hotmail.com](mailto:alicedean@hotmail.com)

**From:** [patrice tullai](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Circles of Death, Is Wind Turbine Energy Really Green? \*  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023 12:01:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Circles of Death, Is Wind Turbine Energy Really Green .pdf](#)

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External Email

Please consider the true effects of this wind energy project. I have done much research and have attached my findings.

Thank you for your time.

Patrice Tullai

[PatriceTullai@gmail.com](mailto:PatriceTullai@gmail.com)

(808)769-8779

**From:** [patrice tullai](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Wind Project  
**Date:** Monday, August 21, 2023 12:48:27 AM  
**Attachments:** [Circles of Death, Is Wind Turbine Energy Really Green .pdf](#)

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External Email

Hello,  
I have attached my statement to reject the construction of Horse Heaven Wind Farm  
Thank you for reading  
Patricia Tullai  
[PatriceTullai@gmail.com](mailto:PatriceTullai@gmail.com)

**From:** [mt Tyler@centurylink.net](mailto:mt Tyler@centurylink.net)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for the HH Wind Public Comment Hearing 8.23.23  
**Date:** Thursday, August 31, 2023 7:01:15 AM

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External Email

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Respectfully,  
Michelle Tyler

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**From:** [Chuck Tyrrell](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind Farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 11:48:43 AM

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Submitted by

Charles J Tyrrell

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Joe A VALDEZ](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Wind turbines!  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 16, 2023 1:23:59 PM

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External Email

I refuse to let anyone put those UNGODLY looking things in my area! Enough of those worthless things aren't proving to be a good source of power! Nuclear power is the future and its a clean energy source!  
STOP THIS PROJECT! I see enough of these ugly thing around here now! Absolutely ridiculous!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [John Van Mason](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC \(EFSEC\)](#)  
**Subject:** Wind farm  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023 10:36:58 AM

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Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ John Van Mason \_\_\_\_\_

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [David Whooley](#)  
**To:** [EFSEC mi Comments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Heaven Hills Windmill Project Comments  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 7:32:13 AM

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External Email

As a concerned resident of Tri-Cities, Washington, I am deeply troubled by the proposed wind turbine project that threatens to devastate our community.

This proposed wind turbine project is not only too large but also too close to hundreds of residents. It is unprecedented for Washington State, if not the entire United States. The sheer size and proximity of these turbines will destroy our cherished views and forever change the landscape we hold dear. Furthermore, this ill-conceived project poses a significant threat to our local wildlife population. Studies have shown that wind turbines can cause harm to birds and bats due to collisions with spinning blades or changes in their habitat caused by construction activities. The construction and operation of these turbines will disrupt natural habitats, leading to a decline in biodiversity in an area already struggling with environmental challenges. Our unique ecosystem cannot afford such irreparable damage.

Additionally, the quantity and height of the wind turbines could severely limit aerial firefighting capabilities. Their towering height could impede firefighting aircraft from effectively combating wildfires that frequently plague our area during dry seasons. This jeopardizes both property and lives as we rely on swift response times during emergencies. Having unobstructed access for firefighting aircraft is vital for protecting lives and properties.

What adds insult to injury is that this project's financial feasibility hinges heavily on tax subsidies and credits granted to an out-of-state developer. It is unjustifiable for us as taxpayers to bear the burden while an external entity reaps substantial benefits at our expense.

To ensure transparency and credibility, here are some relevant facts:

1. According to studies conducted by renowned environmental organizations such as Greenpeace and Sierra Club, wind turbines can have adverse effects on local wildlife populations due to habitat fragmentation.
2. A report published by The National Renewable Energy Laboratory highlights concerns regarding fire safety near wind turbine installations.
3. News outlets have reported extensively on the financial incentives provided by the Federal government for renewable energy projects, including wind turbines.

EFSEC has the moral, ethical, and perhaps legal responsibility to balance the needs and desires of the Tri-Cities with those of the applicant. Instead of allowing this massive wind turbine project to proceed as planned, I propose exploring alternative locations that are farther away from residential areas and wildlife habitats. By doing so, a balance between clean energy generation and preserving our cherished environment can be achieved.

I urge you to reconsider this ill-conceived wind turbine project. I believe that renewable

energy is important for a sustainable future; however, it should not come at the expense of our community's well-being and natural beauty.

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