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2 October 2025 COMMENTS solicited by EFSEC Horse Heavens Wind/Solar Farm Project in Benton County To whom it may concern: It is now October 2025. The Washington state (EFSEC) is taking more final comments on restrictions for the Horse Heaven wind farm. The restrictions center around impacts on ferruginous hawks, noise, scenic views, tourism, firefighting, Yakama cultural sites, etc. Unfortunately, the EFSEC has missed entirely the more important issue concerning building this wind farm. Five years ago in March 2020, Michael Rucker of Scout Clean Energy (SCE) said this wind farm would: 1) be affordable and cost-competitive 2) be reliable 3) be low-impact 4) meet the needs of Washington communities 5) It also was stated that 5 million metric tons CO2 annually would be avoided with the wind farm. In response to these remarks, in May 2020 and February 2021, I asked Scout Clean Energy for specific technical information supporting these claims. They acknowledged my request, but said they had no information they would provide. After five years nothing has changed. The wind farm still does not meet the needs of Benton County and does not live up to any of the claims by SCE (Items 1-5, which I submitted as comments to the EFSEC in an earlier comment period). It does not help save the snowpack or reduce wildfires since saving 5 million MT of CO2 translates to a temperature reduction of less than .001 degrees C. At minimum the EFSEC should require Scout Clean Energy to provide detailed information explaining and defending their stated assertions (particularly Items 1-3). If they can't, the EFSEC should not approve it. (If you run the numbers, the electricity provided will not be "affordable, cost-competitive and reliable" relative to alternative sources.) Do we really want wind mills scattered across the hills in the ATTACHED picture below, that will not meet any (NONE) of its stated purposes assured by its promoters? Craig Brown, Richland

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