

March 20, 2023

Sonia Bumpus  
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**Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC Third Extension Request (Agency Docket #EF-210011)**

Dear Sonia,

This letter requests the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council's agreement that the processing time of the Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC Application be extended through September 30, 2023 with an expectation of completing the adjudication, including EFSEC's recommendation to the Governor, by September 30, 2023.

The Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC Application for Site Certification was filed with EFSEC on February 8, 2021. RCW 80.50.100 requires that: *"The council shall report to the governor its recommendations as to the approval or rejection of an application for certification within twelve months of receipt by the council of such an application, or such later time as is mutually agreed by the council and the applicant."*

We value the level of effort and analysis prepared for the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), released on December 16, 2022. The draft EIS comment period was held December 19, 2022 through February 1, 2023 and a public comment meeting was held February 1, 2023. The Order Commencing Agency Adjudications was published by EFSEC on December 15, 2022. On March 9, 2023, EFSEC filed a Preliminary Order on Intervention granting party status in this adjudication for five entities. A Pre-Hearing Conference for Adjudicative Proceedings with all parties was held on March 10, 2023. A second Pre-Hearing Notice was filed by EFSEC scheduling a second telephonic pre-hearing conference on Monday, March 20, 2023. We anticipate all adjudication hearings to be completed by September 2023 with preparation of a Final EIS in accordance with SEPA following.

We appreciate the thorough analysis completed to-date in accordance with the SEPA process and are encouraged by the upcoming adjudication process to create a thorough review of all issues and concerns to ensure the Horse Heaven Clean Energy Center is developed to mitigate any project impacts to nonsignificant levels. We encourage EFSEC to prepare a Final EIS in conjunction with the Adjudication process to provide Council with all necessary information to provide a recommendation to the Governor in the fourth quarter of 2023 to prevent the need for a Fourth Applicant Extension Request. A Council recommendation and decision from the



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Governor on this project in the fourth quarter of 2023 will allow the Horse Heaven Clean Energy Center to keep pace with regional utility clean energy supply procurement in the Pacific Northwest being driven by Washington and neighbouring State's aggressive goals for significant reduction in greenhouse gas production.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Rucker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Rucker  
President and CEO  
Scout Clean Energy






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