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16th August 2024

Ian Kelly,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
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Re:
Description of Development:

PL24/60122 & ABP-320354-24

(i) The construction of 7 no. wind turbines with the following parameters: a. Total tip height range of 179.5m–180m, b. Rotor diameter range of 149m–155m, c. Hub height range of 102.5m–105m, (ii) Construction of associated foundations, hardstand and assembly areas; (iii) All associated wind farm underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the turbines and meteorological mast to the proposed onsite electrical substation including road crossing at L30372, Co. Carlow; (iv) Construction of 1 no. permanent 38kV electrical substation compound including a single-story control building with welfare facilities, all associated electrical plant and equipment, security fencing, entrance on to the access track, all associated underground cabling, wastewater holding tank and all ancillary works in the townland of Seskinrea, Co. Carlow; (v) A permanent Battery Energy Storage System within the electrical substation compound in the townland of Seskinrea, Co. Carlow; (vi) All works (within County Carlow) associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid, via underground 38kV electrical cabling predominantly within the public road corridor from the proposed onsite electrical substation in the townland of Seskinrea, Co. Carlow to the existing 110kV Kilkenny substation; (vii) Provision of 2 no. joint bays, communication chambers and earth sheath links along the underground electrical cabling route; (viii) Reinstatement of the road and track surfaces above the cabling trench along existing roads and tracks; (ix) 1 no. meteorological mast of c. 36.5m in height, and associated foundation and hard-standing area in the townland of Ridge, Co. Carlow; (x) The permanent upgrade of 1 no. existing site entrance off L3037 for the provision of construction and operational access; (xi) The provision of 1 no. new permanent site entrance and the upgrade of 1 no. existing site entrance off the L30372; (xii) Upgrade of existing tracks/roads and provision of new site access roads, 2 no. clear span bridge crossings, junctions and hardstand areas; (xiii) 2 no. temporary construction compounds with temporary offices and staff facilities in the townland of Ridge and Seskinrea, Co. Carlow; (xiv) Carriageway strengthening works at 'Black Bridge' on the L1835/L3037 (Protected Structure: Kilkenny RPS Ref. D84); (xv) Peat and Spoil Management; (xvi) Tree Felling to accommodate the construction and operation of the proposed development; (xvii) Operational stage site signage; and (xviii) All ancillary apparatus and site development works above and below ground, including soft and hard landscaping and drainage infrastructure; A 10-year planning permission and 35-year operational life of the wind farm from the date of commission of the entire windfarm is sought. A concurrent planning application for works

within Co. Kilkenny including junction accommodation works, bridge strengthening works and the 38kV underground grid connection to the existing 110kV Kilkenny substation will also be lodged to Kilkenny County Council. A design flexibility opinion issued by Carlow County Council on 14th March 2024 accompanies this application. The details unconfirmed in this application are the turbine tip height, rotor diameter and hub height. The range of parameters under which the turbine dimensions will fall are specified on this notice and in the design flexibility opinion that accompanies this application. The proposed development includes bridge strengthening works within the curtilage of a Protected Structure (Black Bridge – Kilkenny RPS Ref. D84). An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and will be submitted to the planning authority with this application.

Location of Development:

In the townlands of, Ridge, Agharue, Coolnakisha, and Seskinrea, Co. Carlow

Applicant:

EDF Renewables Ireland Limited.

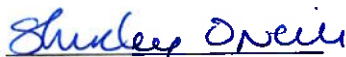
Dear Mr. Kelly,

I wish to acknowledge your correspondence in relation to the above dated 2nd August 2024 and the content therein.

As requested, documents relating to this planning application have been uploaded to the share file. I am enclosing the signed notification. Historical files will be forwarded as soon as possible as they are not available digitally.

If you have any further queries in relation to this matter, please contact the undersigned at 059-9136229 or planningdevman@carlowcoco.ie.

Yours sincerely,



**Shirley O'Neill,
Administrative Officer.**