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**Re: Upperchurch Windfarm (UWF) Grid Connection development Ref. ABP-306204.19
Consultation on Alteration Request under Section 146B**

Ecopower Developments (EDL) intends to carry out the approved UWF Grid Connection SID development (ABP-306204.19) and in that context on 7th March 2025, EDL requested An Bord Pleanála under Section 146B of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), to alter the terms of that development. **Request Case Number ABP-322038-25.** The alterations proposed by EDL comprise (a) alterations to the route of a section of the UWF Grid Connection underground grid cable route around Newport, County Tipperary to avoid 4 No. bridges by diverting off-road into agricultural lands, farm tracks and Local Roads and creating a new crossing point for the Newport (aka Mulkear) and Small Rivers and (b) alterations to the cable route along the Thurles to Limerick Regional Road (R503) comprising changing the grid cable crossing methodology for certain bridges along the R503.

Subsequently, on 8th May 2025 the Board requested that EDL deposits a copy of the information relating to this Request with Tipperary County Council as a prescribed body for the purposes of submissions. **A copy of the complete 146B request is enclosed in hard copy and CD format (ABP-322038-25).** It should be noted that the copy enclosed also includes a 2nd Request (Request No. 2) relating to clarification on the appropriate period during which the development can be constructed. Following the making of the Request, an Bord Pleanála confirmed that the 2nd Request will not be considered by the Board and EDL therefore withdrew Request No. 2. Therefore **Request No. 1 is the only matter relevant to this consultation.**

The Board also requests that Tipperary County Council makes the enclosed information available to the public for inspection or for purchase, upon payment of a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy during the period from **16th May 2025 to 12th June 2025.** Submission to An Bord Pleanála can be made in writing or online within that period. Any submission must be accompanied by a fee of €50, except for certain prescribed bodies. There is no fee required to make a submission by those parties who have already made a valid submission to the Board in relation to the original UWF Grid Connection application (reference number ABP-306204-19).

Also, as instructed by the Board, EDL has published Site Notices of the Request in the Tipperary Star (May 15th edition) and the Irish Examiner (14th May edition) and Site Notices have been erected in the same locations where the site notices for the UWF Grid Connection application were erected and also at other appropriate locations, to reflect the proposed alterations.

Please contact the undersigned at pk@ecopower.ie if you need clarification or cannot access the information on the CD.

Yours sincerely

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