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Chief Executive
Planning Department
Waterford City and County Council
City Hall,
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Waterford, X91 PK15

RE: Strategic Infrastructure Development Application under s.182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended in relation to the proposed 110kV Grid Connection for the proposed Scartmountain Wind Farm, Co. Waterford.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to inform you that FuturEnergy Scart Mountain Designated Activity Company, is applying to An Coimisiún Pleanála (ACP) for approval for development in respect of the above project. This application is being made directly to ACP as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) under the provisions of Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended. This position was confirmed by ACP to the applicant on 24th January 2024 following pre-application consultations under ACP Ref. 317824-23.

The development subject of this application forms the grid connection which will facilitate the connection of the proposed Scart Mountain Wind Farm (ACP Ref. 321522) to the existing electricity transmission system.

The development will consist of:

- All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm (ACP Ref. 321522) to the national electricity grid, which will be via a permanent tail fed 110 kV underground cable connection (approximately 15.5 km cable length of which approximately 13.3 km will be in the public road corridor) to the existing 110 kV Dungarvan Substation in the townland of Killadangan, Co. Waterford;
- 4 no. watercourse crossings on the grid connection route (of which 3 no. are classed as river crossings, and 1 no. is a smaller stream crossing);
- 22 no. joint bays and communication chambers along the route;
- All associated underground electrical and communications cabling connecting the wind turbines to the proposed wind farm substation;
- All related site works and ancillary development including landscaping, and soil excavation, and;

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- All other associated site development plant and equipment and other works including surface water and foul wastewater drainage.

This application, and the wind farm application (ACP Ref. 321522) are functionally interdependent and constitute a single project. The wind farm application proposes the erection of 15 no. wind turbines, the construction of 1 no. permanent 110kV electrical substation, permanent construction of 11.9 km new internal site access roads, the erection of a meteorological mast of 11 metres and other associated works.

The proposed wind farm and related works are located within the townlands of Coolagortboy, Crinnaghtaun West, Feddaun, Glennafallia, Knockboy, Knocknafrehane, Knocknanask, Knocknasheega, Lackenrea, Moneygorm, Moneygorm East, Scartmountain, Toor, and Tooranaraheen, Co. Waterford.

Both applications are accompanied by one Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and a Natura Impact Statement (NIS), which pertain to the overall project.

As the project requires an EIAR the application documentation includes a copy of the EIA Portal Notice.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
 - Planning Application Form
 - o Addendum 1: Schedule of Drawings
 - o Addendum 2: Landowner Letters of Consent (including Statutory Undertaker Letter)
 - o Addendum 3: Schedule of Prescribed Bodies
 - o Addendum 4: SID Pre-application Consultation Details
 - o Addendum 5: EIA Portal Confirmation
 - o Addendum 6: Confirmation of payment of SID Planning Application Fee of €100,000.00
 - Site Notice
 - Newspaper Notice
 - Planning Statement
- Planning Application Drawings including a schedule of drawings
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
 - Volume 1- EIAR Non-Technical Summary (NTS)
 - Volume 2- EIAR Main Body
 - Volume 3- EIAR Appendices
 - Volume 4- Photomontages
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS). The Appropriate Assessment Screening Report is appended to the NIS.

We enclose 2 no. hard copies and 1 no. digital copy of the full planning application and Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS).

The Commission may in respect of an application for permission / approval decide to- (a) (i) grant the permission/approval, or (ii) make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in its decision and grant permission/approval in respect of the proposed development as so modified, or (iii) grant permission/approval in respect of part of the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), and any of the above decisions may be subject to or without conditions, or (b) refuse to grant the permission/approval.

Submissions or observations may be made in writing to An Coimisiún Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, D01V902, or online at www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/observations, during the above-mentioned period of seven weeks relating to - (i) the implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development, and (ii) the likely effects on the environment of the proposed development, and (iii) the likely significant effects of the proposed development on a European site, if carried out.

Any submissions/observations must be received by ACP no later than 5.30pm on the **21st November 2025**.

Also as required by ACP, you are hereby requested to keep this planning application available for public inspection/purchase in accordance with the terms of the public notice attached with this application. It is

recommended that all of the application documentation will remain available for public inspection until a decision has been formally issued by the Commission.

A detailed description of the proposed development is set out in the enclosed public notices and a complete description is set out in the application documentation. The application may also be viewed at a dedicated website: www.scartmountaingridplanning.ie and the public offices of ACP, Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

Yours sincerely,



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