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Your Ref: ACP Ref. 317824 (Scart Mountain Grid SID Determination)

ACP Ref. 321522 (Scart Mountain Wind Farm Planning Application)

The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
D01 V902

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,

On behalf of our client FuturEnergy Scart Mountain Designated Activity Company (hereafter referred to as the Applicant), please find enclosed a planning application for approval in relation to the proposed construction of a grid connection development (and all associated infrastructure) to connect to the proposed Scart Mountain wind farm (ACP Ref. 321522) at a site located approximately 4 km northeast of Cappoquin and approximately 13 km northwest of Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

This application is being made directly to An Coimisiún Pleanála (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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 following pre-application consultations under ACP Ref. 317824.

The application may also be viewed at a dedicated website: www.scartmountaingridplanning.ie

The proposed 110kV grid connection and related works are located within the townlands of Ballykerin Middle, Ballymacmague North, Carrigaun (Hely), Carrowgarriff Beg, Carrowgarriff More, Churchquarter, Colligan More, Colliganmountain, Colliganwood, Coolroe, Glen Lower, Glen Upper, Graigue Beg, Graigue More, Inchindrisla, Inchindrislawood, Killadangan, Lisroe, Newtown, Parkmore, Scart (Hely), Scart (Sergeant), Scartmountain, Staigbraud, and Vicarstown South, Co. Waterford.

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

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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;
- 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 Notices
  - Planning Cover Letter to Waterford City and County Council
  - Planning Statement
- > Planning Application Drawings including 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.

As requested, please find enclosed 1 no. hard copy and 8 no. electronic copies of the full planning application documentation and the Environmental Impact Assessment documentation. A further 2 no. hard copies and 1 no. electronic copy have been issued to Waterford City and County Council.

All prescribed bodies as identified are being provided with application documentation in a digital format via the website link and cover letter.

We trust you will find the enclosed information sufficient in order to determine the planning application for this development. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. We look forward to your decision in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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