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Development Location

Lackendarragh North, Coolnakilla, Knockananig, Farran South, Kill-Saint-Anne-North, Co. Cork

Development Description

Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Planning Application for the development of a 110kV onsite substation and a 110 kV Underground Cable (UGC) Grid Connection Route of approximately 13.9 km and associated works, associated with the consented Coom Green Energy Park energy development, in the townlands of Lackendarragh North, Moanlahan, Knockauncorin, Mullentaura, Glanakip, Rathcormack-mountain, Coolnakilla, Knockananig, Coolmucky, Ballynahina, Corrin, Farran North, Farran South, Kill-Saint-Anne-North, Co. Cork.

A Chara,

As the National Water Utility Uisce Éireann delivers water services pursuant to the Water Services Act (and other legislation) and in accordance with our statutory functions and ancillary responsibilities and in a manner which is consistent with public policy.

Uisce Éireann is responsible for the delivery of all public water and wastewater services in Ireland. We are committed to continuously upgrading and developing critical infrastructure to support growth in our economy, while protecting the environment and safeguarding water supplies. Our primary function is to provide clean drinking water to customers and to treat and return wastewater safely to the environment. In providing these services we play a central role in enabling economic growth, protecting both the environment and the health and safety of our customers and the wider public.

Uisce Éireann recognizes the national importance of infrastructure projects of this nature and welcomes the opportunity to make observations at this juncture. Please accept this submission in respect of the above-referenced Strategic Infrastructure Development application.

Connection(s) to Public Water and Wastewater

No new connections to Uisce Éireann's water and wastewater networks are included in the applicant's proposal. Water for human sanitary use is to be stored onsite, supplemented by rainwater harvesting, while wastewater generated during operation is to be stored in a holding tank, to be emptied by private contractors as need arises.

Protection of Existing Public Water Supply

It is Uisce Éireann's policy to maintain safe and secure drinking water supplies and ensure that development will not give rise to any deterioration in water quality and that development proposals shall not impact public drinking water sources and/or abstraction point(s).

There are no Uisce Éireann's abstraction sites in the vicinity of this project, nor is it envisaged to impact on Uisce Éireann's abstraction catchments or zones of contribution.

Protection of Existing Uisce Éireann's Assets

While Uisce Éireann does not operate infrastructure for the majority of the proposed grid route, it is noted that there is potential for interaction with an Uisce Éireann asset close to where the grid connection completes at Barrymore 110kv substation. Uisce Éireann operates a 75mm watermain in the vicinity of Barrymore 110kV substation.

Please note that Uisce Éireann does not permit build over of its assets, and that in works, separation distances as per Uisce Éireann's Standards Codes and Practices must be achieved.

Prior to any commencement of works, the applicant is required to submit a diversion enquiry to Uisce Éireann and receive a Confirmation of Feasibility (COF) letter from our Diversions Department, to ensure that its assets are protected during the construction & operation phases of the development and to agree any and all necessary diversions, while ensuring that any development near Uisce Éireann's assets shall be carried out in compliance with Irish Water Standards codes and practices.

Queries relating to the terms and observations above should be directed to planning@water.ie

Yours sincerely,

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