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Re: Observation on the proposed Cloonbaul 110 kV substation and grid connection

ACP Case: VA16.324429 | Applicant: Cunlaghfadda Green Energy Limited

Dear Sir/Madam,

I ask the Commission to consider the planning purpose of this onsite substation in light of Mayo County Council's refusal of the Cunlaghfadda Wind Farm.

The application documents describe the substation and grid connection as infrastructure to connect the proposed wind farm to the national grid. The wind farm does not presently have permission and is under a separate appeal. Its grid infrastructure should not be treated as an inevitable stand-alone development while the generating project remains unresolved.

Granting the substation first could create pressure to justify later development because major infrastructure has already been approved. The applications should be considered coherently and the substation refused on its own planning merits.

Ronan Nestor.