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The Secretary
An Coimisiún Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
D01 V902

Re: Letter of Support for proposed offshore wind energy development - Arklow Bank Wind Park 2 located off the coasts of Co. Wicklow and Co. Wexford with Case reference: OA27.319864

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of **Arklow Energy Limited (AEL)**, I would like register support for an offshore planning consent application by Sure Partners Ltd for the offshore infrastructure required for its proposed Arklow Bank Wind Park 2 project in the Irish Sea.

Arklow has long been home to offshore wind in Ireland, with the country's only existing seven turbines already located on the Arklow Bank. The further development of offshore wind at this location is welcome and further consolidates the position of the town and the county as a leader in renewable energy generation.

After nearly 20 years our wind turbines on the Arklow Bank has generated 1.29GWh of renewable energy during its operational life, which is the equivalent of 16,000 Irish homes being powered by renewable energy per year. AEL are now progressing decommissioning proposals with An Coimisiún Pleanála for the existing turbines which have now reached the end of its operational life.

Looking forward the 800MW Arklow Wind Park 2 project will once again play a crucial role in driving progress towards a cleaner and more secure homegrown energy system for Ireland.

Additionally, the development is expected to deliver economic benefit of up to €800m – around €400m of which will be local to the Wicklow and Wexford region – while supporting around 2,300 direct and indirect jobs throughout its delivery and operational lifetime.

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This development is an opportunity to sustain ongoing investment in the local economy and enhance job opportunities for the local Arklow residents.

Arklow Bank Wind Park 2 will play a key role in the regeneration and futureproofing of Arklow town and its surrounds. It will bring with it a multi-million euro community fund marking another significant investment in the town and providing an opportunity for the community to deliver projects that will contribute to the long-term sustainable development of the town and county.

On a broader scale, the project will deliver 800MW of much needed green renewable energy, which is particularly important in the context of the current generation capacity crisis.

AEL is fully supportive of the development of the Arklow Bank Wind Park 2.

Sincerely,

*Anne-Marie Coyle*_____
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