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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached Brookfield Renewable Ireland Limited's submission for the above referenced case number.

Can you please confirm receipt of the submission?

If you have any questions please do get in touch.

Kind regards,
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Brookfield

An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin
By email

Date: 07th May 2021

Re: Whether the underground electricity grid connections and associated works from the Ballynahulla 220kV substation to the Gneevs 38kV substation is or is not development or is or is not exempted development.
Ballynahulla 220kV Substation, Ballynahulla, Ballydesmond, Co. Kerry.

An Bord Pleanála case number: ABP-310086-21
Planning Authority Reference Number: EX901

To whom it may concern,

Please find enclosed Brookfield Renewable Ireland Limited's (BRIL) submission on the above case.

Should An Bord Pleanála require additional information or clarification on any matter please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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SUBMISSION BY BROOKFIELD RENEWABLE IRELAND LIMITED

Brookfield Renewable Ireland Limited ("BRIL") is the owner and operator of Gneeves Wind Farm which consists of 11 turbines. Construction began in 2005 and the wind farm became operational in 2006.

The question being posed in the section 5 declaration application is:

Whether the provision of:

The underground electricity cable grid connections and associated works from the Ballynahulla 220kV substation to the Gneeves 38kV substation (Gneeves wind farm in Co. Cork), along the local Tureenahill to Rathmore Road, joining the R582 and along the regional road to a point crossing the Awnaskirtaun River into County Cork (a tributary of the Blackwater River) in the townland of Shinnagh,

Is or is not development, and is or is not exempted development?

BRIL response:

Gneeves wind farm was built under the following permissions granted by Cork County Council: N/99/0616, 03/6585, 04/188, 04/1355, 08/5636, 13/4566 and 13/5717.

4 ESB sought permission for the grid connection which was granted under permission 03/6539 and An Bord Pleanála ref PL04.206497. For the avoidance of doubt, Gneeves wind farm is connected to the distribution network and is not connected to Ballynahulla substation. The connection point of Gneeves wind farm to the national grid is Rathmore 38 kV substation. Gneeves wind farm is connected to the 38kV busbar at Rathmore 38kV ESN station via c10.5km of 38kV overhead line. In relation to the connection between Gneeves wind farm and Rathmore substation, please see the following:

ESB was granted planning permission by An Bord Pleanála on 21 July 2004 for a 38kV line from the Gneeves wind farm to an existing ESB substation at Rathmore, approximately 10.5 km from the wind farm (Cork County Council planning reference 03/6549 and An Bord Pleanála ref PL04.206497). Full planning permission was secured for the grid connection to Gneeves wind farm by ESB and therefore a Section 5 declaration was not required as this grid infrastructure having secured full planning permission did not rely on the exemption status provisions.

Should An Bord Pleanála require additional information or clarification on any matter please do get in touch.

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