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Our Ref: 190907  
Your Ref: Pre-App ref: ABP-307075-20

7<sup>th</sup> of June 2022

**Re: Section 37E Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála for a Wind Farm Development (and all associated works) at Cuilleenoolagh and other townlands, County Roscommon**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of our client, Energia Renewables ROI Ltd. please find enclosed a copy of the planning application for the proposed construction of wind energy development (and all associated infrastructure) in the townlands of Turrock, Cronin, Gortaphuill, Glenrevagh, Tullyneeny, Bredagh, Cuilleenirwan, Cuilleenoolagh, Curry, Milltown, Tobermacloughlin, Skeavally, Boleyduff, Cloonacaltry, Feacle, Cam, Tawnagh, Cornageeha, Pollalaher, Brideswell, Knocknanool, Ballymullavill, Rooskagh, Bellanamullia, Cloonakille, Monksland and Commeen, Co. Roscommon.

This application is being made directly to An Bord Pleanála as 'Strategic Infrastructure Development' (SID) under the provisions of Section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. This position was confirmed by An Bord Pleanála in correspondence to the applicant dated 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 following pre-application consultations with the Board (ABP-307075-20; a copy of the noted correspondence is enclosed with this letter for completeness).

The development will consist of the following:

- I. 20 no. wind turbines with an overall ground to blade tip height of 180 metres, a rotor diameter of 162m and a hub height of 99m, associated foundations, hard-standing areas
- II. 15 no. spoil storage areas at hardstands of turbines no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (in the townlands of Turrock, Gortaphuill, Cronin, and Tullyneeny) and turbines no. 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 19 and 20 (in the townlands of Milltown, Cuilleenoolagh, Cloonacaltry, Feacle and Tawnagh)
- III. Provision of 1 no. permanent meteorological mast with a maximum height of 100 metres for a period of 30 years from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm
- IV. Provision of 1 no. 110kV onsite substation in the townland of Cam, along with associated control buildings, MV switchgear building, associated electrical plant, associated security fencing, and equipment and wastewater holding tank
- V. All underground electrical and communication cabling connecting the proposed wind turbines to the proposed onsite substation and associated control buildings and plant



- VI. All works associated with the connection of the proposed wind farm to the national electricity grid via underground 110kV cabling from the site to the existing Athlone 110kV substation located in the townland of Monksland. Cabling will be placed within the public road corridor of the R362, R363 and L2047, or on private land
- VII. Upgrade works to the existing 110kV Athlone substation consisting of the construction of an additional dedicated bay to facilitate connection of the cable
- VIII. Provision of 2 no. new site accesses north and south from the R363 and upgrade of 1 no. junction south of the R363
- IX. Provision of new access tracks/roads and upgrade of existing access tracks/roads
- X. 7 no. overburden storage areas
- XI. 2 no. temporary construction compounds
- XII. Site drainage works
- XIII. Operational stage site signage
- XIV. All associated site development works, apparatus and signage

The application is seeking a ten-year planning permission and 30-year turbine operational period from the date of commissioning of the entire wind farm. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) and Natura Impact Statement (NIS) have been prepared in respect of the proposed development and accompanies this planning application.

As the project requires an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) the application has been notified to the EIA Portal. The EIA Portal ID is **2022102** and that the project details have been uploaded to the EIA Portal.

The following documents are included in the application pack:

- Planning Application Documentation
  - Planning Application Form
  - Site Notice
  - Newspaper Notices - The Roscommon Herald and The Irish Times
  - EIA Portal Confirmation (ID: **2022102**)
  - Planning Cover Letters (Roscommon County Council and An Bord Pleanála)
  - Copy of Notification Letters issued to Prescribed Bodies
  - Confirmation of Payment of SID Planning Application Fee of €100,000 (via EFT)
- Planning Application Drawings (Drawing Schedule included with Application Form)
- Red Line Boundary in DWG format
- Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR)
  - Volume 1 – Non-Technical Summary (NTS) and Main Report
  - Volume 2 – Photomontage Booklet
  - Volume 3 - EIAR Appendices
- Natura Impact Statement (NIS)

**Please be aware the EIAR Appendix 6-6 is Confidential in nature.**

3no. hard copies and 7no. electronic copies of the planning application pack as outlined above are enclosed with this letter. Roscommon County Council have received 2no. hard copies and 1no. electronic copies of the application pack, as agreed with them. The application will be available for



inspection at their main office at Áras an Chontae, Roscommon, County Roscommon, F42 VR98 (9:30am – 1pm; 2:00pm-4:30pm, Monday - Friday).

All documentation (aside from confidential material of the EIAR, as noted above) associated with the application as lodged can also be found at the dedicated project website: [www.sevenhillswindfarm.ie](http://www.sevenhillswindfarm.ie)

All planning drawings are provided at scales which have previously been agreed with An Bord Pleanála.

Payment of the required fee of €100,000 have been paid to An Bord Pleanála on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 with the following details:

- Senders name – Seven Hills Wind Ltd
- Senders Reference – Energia Renewables
- Remittance Data Line 1 – Energia Renewables ROI Ltd ABP30707
- Payment Reference – IE22060268488528

I trust that the Board now have all the information required to progress the application. If, however, there is anything further or you have any query on any matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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**Encl.**

