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Dear Sir/Madam

**Tomchrasky Wind Farm: Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report**

**ECU reference: ECU00002164**

**Background and Context**

EPower Ltd has submitted a Scoping Report for a wind farm at Tomchrasky, Glenmoriston. The proposed development is of 29 turbines of 220m BTH.

Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with almost 15,000 members and is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and ski-tourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains, and acts to represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering. Mountaineering Scotland also acts on behalf of the 85,000 members of the British Mountaineering Council (BMC) on matters related to landscape and access in Scotland, and provides training and information to mountain users to promote safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.

**Assessment**

Mountaineering Scotland is in general content with the proposed methodology for the Visual Impact Assessment in the Scoping Report. We have a few comments on it, as set out below.

Viewpoints 1, 2, 4-6, 10, 12 (as set out in Table 4) are supported.


Viewpoint 15 is redundant since visibility of Tomchrasky at 30km behind and through the Millenium-Beinneun turbines is guaranteed to be assessed as no/negligible impact.

The absence of a viewpoint on the South Cluanie hills is a serious omission. We would ideally wish to see the inclusion of both the Corbett Druim nan Cnamh (NH131077) and the Munro Creag a'Mhaim (NH087077). If only one is possible, the latter is to be preferred.

A scoping opinion was issued by the ECU in January 2020 for the potentially large Fiodhaig (formerly Fasnakyle) scheme (46 turbines of 149.9m BTH). It would have been helpful for this to be shown on Figure 7 and potential cumulative effects should be considered in the EIA unless it is known that Fiodhaig is not proceeding. Attention should also be given the Bhlaraidh Extension (20 x 180m) for

which a scoping opinion was issued in September 2019. We note in passing that the Viewpoints box on Figure 7 does not relate to Tomchrasky.

Yours sincerely



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