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Dear Sir/Madam,

Fionn Wind Farm, Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report

ECU reference: ECU00006275

Background and Context

1. Mountaineering Scotland is a membership organisation with 16,000 members and is the only recognised representative organisation for hill walkers, climbers, mountaineers and skitourers who live in Scotland or who enjoy Scotland's mountains. We represent, support and promote Scottish mountaineering, and provide training and information to mountain users for safety, self-reliance and the enjoyment of our mountain environment.

2. Energiekontor has submitted a Scoping Report for a wind farm of 29 turbines of 230-250m blade-tip height, on the north side of Strath Oykel.

Assessment

3. The landscape of the site of the proposed development is moorland with very wet areas in its lower parts.

4. The highest base in the proposed layout is 380m, giving a blade-tip altitude of 610m. The previously proposed Caplich Wind Farm's highest blade-tip altitude was 480m. The host hill, Beinn an Eoin, is 544m so the proposed turbines will be extensively visible both from surrounding hills and from the straths and glens with views to the site.

5. The 19 proposed viewpoints include 9 of relevance to mountaineering. We endorse all of these viewpoints.

No.	Name	Distance (km)	Notes
1	Beinn an Eoin	1.3	Baseline photo, wireline, photomontage
2	Cape Wrath Trail	1.3	Baseline photo, wireline, photomontage
5	Meall an Fhuarain	7.8	Baseline photo, wireline, photomontage
10	Ben More Assynt	14	Baseline photo, wireline, photomontage
13	Seana Bhraigh	18	Baseline photo, wireline, photomontage
14	Canisp	20	Baseline photo, wireline, photomontage
15	Cul Mor	20	Baseline photo, wireline, photomontage
17	Carn Chuinneag	22	Baseline photo, wireline, no photomontage
19	Ben Armine	37	Wireline

6. However, we would like to see a photomontage, in addition to the proposed wireline, for viewpoint 17 Carn Chuinneag.

7. In addition, we note there is no viewpoint proposed on the high ground in the vicinity of Ben Hee which, although c.27km distant from the application boundary, is a Corbett (Scottish mountain between 2,500 and 3,000 feet in height with at least 500 feet of descent on all sides). We therefore suggest an additional viewpoint of Ben Hee itself (NC 426 339).

I trust these comments are useful.

Yours sincerely,

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