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**Re: North-South 400kV Electricity Interconnector/Concept for Public Participation**

Dear Aidan,

I refer to the Concept for Public Participation submitted by Eirgrid on 31<sup>st</sup> July.

An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) has, under Article 9.3 of Regulation No. 347/2013, decided to modify the Concept as detailed below:

- An information leaflet of no more than 15 pages should be published by the project promoter containing, at a minimum, the following factual information:
  - The history of the project to date;
  - Information regarding Regulation 347/2013;
  - The project status as a Project of Common Interest (PCI);
  - The main implications (benefits and obligations) arising from its status as a PCI;
  - Future project roadmap including an indicative date for lodgement of an application under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2014 and indicating the opportunities for public participation at this stage.
  
- An advertisement or advertisements should be placed in two national newspapers (The Irish Times and Irish Independent) notifying the public of the publication of this information leaflet and drawing attention to the scope of the project, the status of the project as a PCI and an indicative date for lodgement of an application under section 182A of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2014.

In arriving at the above decision An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) had regard to the planning history of the project, the designation of the project as a Project of Common Interest under EU Regulation 347/2013, the decision by An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) that the project did not come under the transitional provisions of that Regulation and the extensive consultation and participation process undertaken by the project promoter before the start of this permit granting process and which the Competent Authority is obliged to take into consideration under Article 9.3 of the Regulation.

In order to provide an indicative date for lodgement of a planning application under section 182A of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2014, it will be necessary for a meeting to be held with An Bord Pleanála in its role as Competent Authority in relation to the drawing up of a detailed schedule for the permit granting process under Article 10.4(b) of the Regulation.

I draw your attention to the requirement on page 19 of the Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures for the modified Concept to be published on Eirgrid's project website.

Yours sincerely,



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