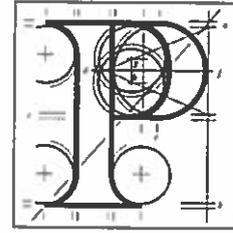


## An Bord Pleanála



**To:** Brendan Wyse, Assistant Director of Planning.

**From:** Des Johnson, Director of Planning

**Re:** PCI/North-South Electricity Interconnector - Time Schedule

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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I am in receipt of memorandum from Dermot Collins, SAO, PCI Unit dated 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (copy attached) informing me that the PCI Unit issued a letter to the project promoter on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 detailing the missing information in the draft application file submitted under the PCI process. On receipt of the missing information the adequacy of that information will be examined in the context of the letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Another step in the PCI process is the drawing up of a detailed schedule for the permit granting process.

As the planning application will be submitted under the strategic infrastructure provisions of the Planning & Development Act 2000, as amended, Mr Collins is requesting the input of the Strategic Infrastructure Development Section in the drawing up of this schedule. My memorandum to you, dated 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014, requested that you take on the supervision of the strategic infrastructure application and recommend the appointment of an Inspector (or Inspector team) to report on this case when submitted. I am now requesting that you give consideration to the likely time scheduling for determining a future application under the strategic infrastructure provisions (period from SID application to decision on this application), having regard to the statutory objective period for this type of case, and to report back to me on this aspect. While there are several unknown factors which are likely to influence the projected time schedule such as any decision to hold an oral hearing and the length of any such hearing, the projected time schedule could be based on certain assumptions in respect of these factors.

The time schedule to be conveyed to the project promoter will be a matter for the PCI Unit. This may have to take into account other administrative requirements set

out in Regulation 347/2013 but the focus of your report should be on time requirements for processing the application under the strategic infrastructure provisions of the 2000 Act, as amended.