


Memorandum

To: Director of Planning, An Bord Pleanála.

From:  Diarmuid Collins, An Bord Pleanála (PCI Unit).

Re: Projects of Common Interest

File Ref: PCI0001 North-South Electricity Interconnector

Date: 8th August, 2014.

1. On 31st July, Eirgrid (Project Promoter) submitted its Concept for Public Participation to An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) in relation to the North – South Electricity Interconnector project in accordance with Article 9.3 of Regulation (EU) 347/2013.
2. An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) has, under Article 9.3, three months (30 October, 2014) to request modifications or approve the Concept. In coming to its decision, the Regulation provides that An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) shall take into consideration any form of public participation and consultation that took place before the start of the permit granting process, to the extent that such public participation has fulfilled the requirements of Article 9.
3. The PCI Unit of An Bord Pleanála will be examining whether the Concept submitted by Eirgrid fulfils the requirements of the Regulation.
4. A copy of the Concept is attached. An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) requests any comments it may wish to make from An Bord Pleanála Strategic Infrastructure Section on the Concept for Public Participation. Any comments are requested by 22nd August, 2014.