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From: Diarmuid Collins
Sent: Wednesday 17 February 2021 11:00
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Subject: Proposed Scope of the Application document for Celtic Interconnector

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Good Morning Valerie,

To see response below from the EPA in relation to your scoping proposal. The PCI Unit will be in further contact with you concerning the scoping proposal.

Regards,
Diarmuid collins,
PCI Unit.

From: Bord <bord@pleanala.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 16 February 2021 16:43
To: SIDS <sids@pleanala.ie>
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Subject: FW: Proposed Scope of the Application document for Celtic Interconnector

From: EIAPPlanning <eiaplanning@epa.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 16 February 2021 16:11
To: Bord <bord@pleanala.ie>
Subject: Proposed Scope of the Application document for Celtic Interconnector

Proposed Scope of the Application document for Celtic Interconnector (Ref: PCI0003)

Dear Nichola,

The Agency notes your correspondence received on 12 January 2021 and the attached document 'Proposed Scope of the Application' for the Celtic Interconnector project (PCI0003).

In previous correspondence to An Bord Pleanala we noted that the consents potentially required from the Agency for the project were likely to be:

- Waste/Industrial Emissions Licence (onshore)
- Dumping at Sea Permit (offshore).

This was based on information received by the Agency from the project promoter (Eirgrid) and their consultants on the project.

In an email dated 04 February 2021 Eirgrid confirmed to the EPA that, at this stage of the Celtic Interconnector Project, no consents are required from the EPA for the onshore or offshore elements.

In relation to offshore elements of the project there has been engagement between the Agency and Eirgrid and their consultants regarding whether a Dumping at Sea (DaS) Permit would be required. Eirgrid has now confirmed a Dumping at Sea Permit is not required for the project. The project proponent has been advised by the Agency of the requirement to apply for a DaS permit where 'any deliberate disposal in the maritime area', including plough dredging, as defined in the Dumping at Sea Act 1996 as amended, is proposed. The Agency is satisfied, based on the information provided during pre-application consultation meetings to date in relation to the proposed works and the techniques that will be employed, that there is no requirement for a DaS Permit.

Eirgrid has also stated that while a Waste Licence is not required at present, it may be required during the construction phase of the project due to commence in late 2022.

The Agency will advise Eirgrid that should a Waste Licence be required the Agency can facilitate a pre-application meeting at that stage.

As no EPA consents are required at this stage of the project, the Agency has no comments or observations in relation to the scope of material or detail of information regarding the attached documents.

Regards,

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Environmental Protection Agency
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From: Nichola Meehan <N.Meehan@pleanala.ie>
Sent: 12 January 2021 14:49
To: EIAPlanning <eiaplanning@epa.ie>
Subject: Proposed Scope of the Application document for Celtic Interconnector

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the above named project.

Article 10 of EU Regulation 347/2013 provides that the competent authority shall identify, in close cooperation with the other authorities concerned, the scope of material and level of detail of information to be submitted by the project promoter (EirGrid). The article also provides that this may be done on the basis of a proposal by the project promoter, which is what is being done in the attached documents. The Article also refers to a checklist which shall serve as a basis for the identification of the scope of material and level of detail. Please refer to page 21 of the PCI Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures available on our website for details of the checklist.

Accordingly, you are asked to identify any scope of material or detail of information which is not referred to in the attached documents which you consider is required in relation to any consent for which you are the relevant authority and to reply to us by 16th February, 2021.

Yours faithfully,