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Dear Vicky and Emily,

Please see attached the Marine Management Organisation's (MMO) formal acceptance letter for the Celtic Interconnector Project of Common Interest (PCI) Notification Letter. The date of this correspondence is the start date for the permit granting process as set out in the TEN-E Regulation.

Kind regards,
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(By e-mail only)

31 January 2020

Dear Mr Christiansen and Ms Chevreau,

**European Commission Project of Common Interest (PCI) 1.6. - Interconnection
between Ireland and France [currently known as “Celtic Interconnector”]**

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) received on 23 January 2020 (with further amendments on 29 January 2020 and 31 January 2020) a formal notification for the Celtic Interconnector Project from Mr Erlend Christiansen (EirGrid) and Gaëlle Chevreau (RTE), under Article 10(1)a of the Regulation on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure EU 347/2013 (the TEN-E Regulation).

In the case of the Celtic Interconnector Project, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) formally known as the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has delegated authority to co-ordinate the TEN-E Regulation process to the MMO.

The MMO has reviewed the notification and is now content to acknowledge the notification for the Celtic (PCI) Interconnector Project. The MMO accepts the project into the permit granting process as sufficiently mature to be able to submit an application for the consents required within two years.

The date of this correspondence is the **start date** for the permit granting process as set out in the TEN-E Regulation.

Within **three months** of the date of this correspondence the MMO will prepare a detailed schedule for the permit granting process, which will include:

- a) The decisions and opinions obtained;



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- b) The authorities, stakeholders, and the public likely to be concerned;
- c) The individual stages of the procedure and their duration;
- d) Major milestones to be accomplished and the deadlines in view of the decision taken; and
- e) The resources planned by the authorities and possible additional resource needs.

To enable the MMO to undertake this requirement please provide any plans or schedules for any required development consents that you have already prepared as part of the written notification, within **two weeks** of the date of this correspondence.

Within **three months** of the date of this correspondence you are required to submit to the MMO a “concept for public participation”, which must include:

- a) The stakeholders concerned and addressed;
- b) The measures envisaged, including proposed general locations and dates of dedicated meetings;
- c) The timeline for the consultation process, how long and how many consultations will take place and over what time period;
- d) The human resources allocated to the respective tasks;
- e) If it is not possible to specify exact dates or locations for the dedicated meetings then please set out in general terms what is proposed and use indicative timescales in which the consultation will be undertaken. Please note that consultations on a PCI must take place in each Member State within two months of the first consultation

The MMO would strongly recommend that you consult the other National Competent Authorities, Ministère de la Transition Écologique et Solidaire and An Bord Pleanála, to assist in the concept for public participation.

The TEN-E Regulation includes a number of additional consenting requirements and therefore the MMO advises that you read the Manual of Procedures, which can be located on the BEIS website at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/311184/uk_manual_procedures_ten_e_regulation.pdf

Should you have any queries regarding this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,



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