

Board Direction BD-014579-23 ABP-317184-23

The submissions on file and the inspector's report were considered at a Board Meeting held on the 15/11/2023.

The Board decided having regard to the size, scale and location of the proposed development comprising of the transition and conversion of the 900MW existing electricity generation station at Moneypoint from coal to heavy fuel oil (HFO) with limited run hours from mid-2025 to late 2029 as set out in the plans, particulars and correspondence received by An Bord Pleanála on 24th May 2023, falls within the provisions of the Seventh Schedule of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended), Energy Infrastructure. The Board considered that the proposed development would satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a), (b) and (c) of section 37A(2) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) and that a planning application should be made directly to the Board

The Board recommended the application documents should be forwarded the list of Prescribed Bodies below for their consultation and consideration for the purposes of Section 37E (3) (c) of the Act:

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage
Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications
Commission for Regulation of Utilities, Water and Energy
Clare County Council
Kerry County Council
Limerick City and County Council
The Southern Regional Assembly
Environmental Protection Agency

Health and Safety Authority (Seveso)

Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Uisce Eireann

An Chomhairle Ealaion

Fáilte Ireland

An Taisce

The Heritage Council

Inland Fisheries Ireland

Ireland Commission for Energy Regulation

Further notifications should also be made where deemed appropriate.

Note 1: The prospective applicant should be advised to submit a standalone document (which may form part of the EIAR) with the planning application, which outlines the mitigation measures, in the interest of convenience and ease of reference.

Board Member Febrahl

Date: 15/11/2023

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