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Board Direction

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The Board convened at a further meeting held on 26th June 2018 to consider the further documentation on file including the record of the second meeting with Eirgrid and the memorandum of June 1st from the reporting Senior Planning Inspector.

Having considered all of the material on file and the memorandum, the Board concluded the proposed development is not strategic infrastructure development, for the reasons set out below. The planning application should be made to the relevant local authorities in the first instance.

Reason and Considerations

The 110kV power line in question has been in place since 1979, therefore its principle is established. The proposed uprate and refurbishment of the existing line involves works (including replacing towers and polesets) to an existing, established power line, without making any fundamental change to its function or appearance. There is no deviation to the route of the line. Therefore the development in question is not considered to fall within the definition of strategic infrastructure.

In not accepting the inspector's recommendation, and in reversing the Board's preliminary view on this case, the Board formed the view that the development by its physical nature (replacing polesets/towers, installing new heavier conductors etc.) is similar in nature to other uprating projects that were deemed not SID, as detailed by the inspector. Furthermore the Board accepted that whereas the 'regional solution' outlined in the Grid Development Strategy represents in overall terms a strategic approach to

grid infrastructure strengthening, not all of the individual projects making up the solution will necessarily fall into the category of SID when the specific nature of that element is considered.

Board Member: _____ Date: 27th June 2018

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