Our Ref: ABP-301594-18

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Your Ref: Electricity Supply Board



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Date: 02 October 2018

Re: Modifications to, and continued operation of, the existing peat-fuelled Lough Ree Power station to facilitate the phased transition of that station to exclusive firing with biomass. Lough Ree Power Station, Lanesborough and the existing ash disposal site at Derraghan, Co. Longford.

Dear Madam

Please be advised that following consideration of the issues raised at the above consultation and having regard to the scale and nature of the proposed development An Bord Pleanála has concluded that the proposed development does not come within the scope of section 37A (2) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended. Accordingly, any application for planning consent for the proposed development should be made to the local planning authority for the area in accordance with the provisions of section 34 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

In accordance with section 146(3) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, the Board will make available for inspection and purchase at its offices the documents relating to the decision within 3 working days following its decision. In addition, the Board will also make available the Board Direction on the decision on its website (www.pleanala.ie). This information is normally made available on the list of decided cases on the website on the Wednesday following the week in which the decision is made.

The attachment contains information in relation to challenges to the validity of a decision of An Bord Pleanála under the provisions of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended.

In accordance with the fees payable to the Board and where not more than one pre-application meeting is held in the determination of a case, a refund of €3,500 is payable to the person who submitted the pre-application consultation fee. As only one meeting was required in this case, a refund of €3,500 will be sent to you in due course.

If you have any queries in relation to the matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Please quote the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence or telephone contact with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Fergal Kilmurray Executive Officer Direct Line: 01-8737247

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