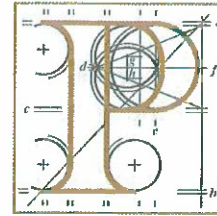


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**An  
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Offaly County Council  
Áras an Chontae  
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Co. Offaly

**Date:** 22 August 2022

**Re:** 110kV substation and grid connection cabling to the existing Thornsberry 110kV substation in  
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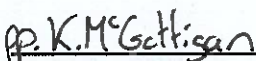
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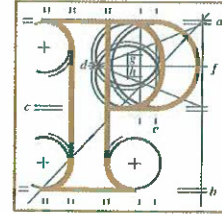
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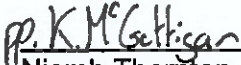
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