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**Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2019**

**Planning Authority: Cork County Council**

**Planning Register Reference Number: D/303/19**

**WHEREAS** a question has arisen as to whether the construction of 220kV Shunt Reactors with associated internal compound and associated equipment within the existing Ballyvouskill 220/110kV Electricity Substation at Caherdowney, County Cork, is or is not development or is or is not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** Eirgrid Public Limited Company of The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin requested a declaration on this question from Cork County Council and the Council issued a declaration on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019 stating that the said matter is development and is not exempted development:

**AND WHEREAS** Eirgrid Public Limited Company referred the declaration for review to An Bord Pleanála on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020:

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála, in considering this referral, had regard particularly to –

- (a) section 2(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (b) section 3(1) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000,
- (c) section 4(1)(g) and section 4 (1)(h) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended,
- (d) the planning history of the site, and
- (e) the nature and extent of the proposed works.

**AND WHEREAS** An Bord Pleanála has concluded that -

- (a) the proposed development consists of the carrying out by a statutory undertaker of works for the purpose of altering apparatus within this existing substation (containing buildings and apparatus) and would, therefore, come within the exempted development provisions of section 4(1)(g) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

**NOW THEREFORE** An Bord Pleanála, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 (3) (a) of the 2000 Act, hereby decides that the construction of 200kV Shunt Reactors with associated internal compound and associated equipment within the existing Ballyvouskill 220/110kV Electricity Substation at Caherdowney, County Cork, is development and is exempted development.

## **Matters Considered**

In making its decision, the Board had regard to those matters to which, by virtue of the Planning and Development Acts and Regulations made thereunder, it was required to have regard. Such matters included any submissions and observations received by it in accordance with statutory provisions.

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**Chris McGarry**

**Member of An Bord Pleanála**

**duly authorised to authenticate  
the seal of the Board.**

**Dated this            day of            2020.**