Our Case Number: ABP-317802-23

. 'lanning Authority Reference Number: SD22A/0333

Your Reference: EdgeConneX Ireland Limited



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Date: 28 February 2025

Re: Construction of 2 adjoined single storey data centres with associated site works. An Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) has been submitted with this application. Site within the townland of Ballymakaily, West of Newcastle Road (R120), Lucan, Co. Dublin

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to the above-mentioned appeal.

The Board has examined the appeal and is of the opinion that certain information is necessary for the purpose of enabling it to determine the appeal.

In accordance with section 132 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, (as amended), you are required to submit, **on or before 20th March 2025,** the following information:

- 1. Confirmation from Eirgrid that the Eirgrid Connection Agreement Letter (submitted with this appeal) includes the proposed data centres the subject of this appeal. (A drawing identifying the data centre buildings, subject to this agreement would assist)
- 2. The Board noted the Advisory Note dated 10th August 2023, which was submitted with the appeal, para 1.17 states-

While the Applicant recognises the TSO has identified constraints it is important to note that the Applicant is contracted to connect to and use the electricity system and does **not** fall to be considered as a '**prospective data centre project**' in this respect. The Connection Agreement was entered into in Advance of the above policy measures. However, the Connection agreement was received and the Connection Agreement entered into following the introduction of the DCCOPP and the identification of the greater Dublin area as a constrained area. (emphasis added)

The Board note The Eirgrid Data Centre Connection Process and policy, V 2 (17.7.2020) requires planning permission to be in place before a customer progresses to stage 2 of the connection offer process, and that the planning permission must be specific to the connection agreement. As no planning permission is in place for the data centres the subject of this appeal please clarify if/how the connection agreement in place includes the data centres the subject of this appeal.

3. If no connection agreement is in place for the data centres, the subject of this appeal, please provide confirmation from Eirgrid that stage 1 of the Application Process has been completed for the proposed data centre.

If the information required is not received before the end of the specified period, the Board will dismiss or otherwise determine the appeal without further notice to you in accordance with section 133 of the 2000 Act, (as amended). Your submission in response to this notice must be received by the Board not later than **5.30 p.m. on the date specified above**.

Please quote the above appeal reference number in any further correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

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Executive Officer

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