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Board Direction
BD-018902-25
ABP-317802-23

The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 10/02/2025.

The Board decided to defer consideration of this case and to issue a Section 132 notice to the applicant regarding the following:

1. Please provide 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.

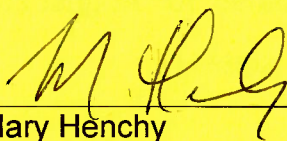
(emphasis added)

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.

(Allow 3 weeks)

Board Member:



Mary Henchy

Date: 13/02/2025