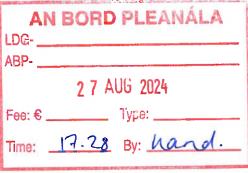


27 August 2024

An Bord Pleanála 64 Marlborough Street Dublin 1 D01 V902





ABP Reference: ABP-317810-23

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT) power plant and associated infrastructure

Land to the north of Tynagh Power Station, Derryfrench Tynagh, Loughrea, Co. Galway

Application Processing Time – National Priority Infrastructure

On behalf of the Applicant, EP Energy Development Ltd.¹, we wish to request confirmation of An Bord Pleanála's measures to prioritise the above-referenced application, which was submitted over 12 months ago on the 15th of August 2023.

The Board will be aware - as emphasised in the Departmental Circular Letter PL 12/2001 - that the development of new conventional generation, such as that proposed under ABP-317810-23, is "a national priority and should be permitted and supported in order to ensure security of electricity supply and support the growth of renewable electricity generation". The Departmental Circular requests, accordingly, that "the determination of all such planning applications should be prioritised as much as possible in light of the current circumstances relating to electricity supply". In light of this, we request clarity from the Board as to the priority being afforded Case Reference ABP-317810-23 as 'national priority' infrastructure – over and above the need to clear the current backlog of cases.

We look forward, by return correspondence, to confirmation of the Board's measures to prioritise Case Reference ABP-317810-23 in line with Circular Letter PL 12/2001, along with an anticipated latest date for determination.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned in the event of any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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