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**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.<sup>1</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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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