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**The Secretary,**

**An Bord Pleanála,**

**64 Marlborough Street**

**Dublin 1**

**D01 V902**

**26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**By Hand**

**Re: Direct application to An Bord Pleanála in respect of an application for planning permission for a Strategic Infrastructure Development – namely the continued operation and transition of the existing West Offaly Power electricity generating station, at Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly to biomass, and associated developments**

**A Chara,**

Please find enclosed a planning application on behalf of ESB for development at the existing electricity generating station at West Offaly Power (WOP) Station located at Shannonbridge, Co. Offaly in the townland of Cloniffeen, Eircode N37 C840; and at an existing ash disposal facility (ADF) located in the townlands of Clonfinlough, Clondelara, Leitra, and Derrylahan, in County Offaly.

This application is set out in two parts as follows:

**Planning Documents:**

This folder contains the following documents:

**Planning Documents - Volume 1**

1. Cover Letter
2. Application Form and attachments including copies of public notices
3. Planning Report
4. Appropriate Assessment Report – comprising an Appropriate Assessment Screening Report and the Natura Impact Statement (NIS)





## Planning Drawings - Volume 2

1. Schedule of Plans and Drawings
2. Plans and Drawings

## Environmental Documents

These folders contain the following documents:

- **Volume 1 - Non-Technical Summary**
- **Volume 2 - Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) Main Report**
- **Volume 3 - Appendices to the EIAR**

As agreed with Officials from the Board, three hard copies of the documentation are provided. Additional copies can be provided on request.

The application fee of €100,000 is enclosed with this application.

The requirements for the registration on the EIAR Portal have also been satisfied and the appropriate receipt is attached.

## Electronic Version of the Documentation

The application is accompanied by 7 No. copies of the electronic version on a DVD. The DVD for both the Planning and Environmental documents can be found on a sleeve on the inside cover of Planning Documents Volume 1.

The documentation can also be found on a website at [www.westoffalypower.ie](http://www.westoffalypower.ie).

We look forward to receipt of this submission and further correspondence from the Board in due course.

Is mise le meas,

**Helen O'Keeffe,**

**Senior Planner, ESB International, Agent on behalf of the Applicant, ESB**

*Encl. Application Documentation [3 No. hard copies; 7 No. electronic copies]*