



The Secretary,
An Bord Pleanála,
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1

11th March 2021

Re: Planning Application for Strategic Infrastructure Development under Section 182A of The Planning and Development Act 2000 (As Amended) (An Bord Pleanála Ref. ABP-306323-20)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Enclosed please find an application on behalf of our client, Cloncant Renewable Energy Limited, for permission in respect of a proposed 110kV substation and ancillary site works, in the townlands of Ballykilleen, Cloncreen and Ballinowlart North, Co. Offaly.

The Planning Application follows on from a pre-application consultation with An Bord Pleanála (the "Board") regarding whether or not a 110kV substation and ancillary site works constitutes strategic infrastructure development, as defined by the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended) (the "Act"). Having considered the proposal, the Board determined that the proposed development satisfies the requirements set out in Section 182A(1) of the Act and falls within the scope of section 182A of the Act, and that a planning application should be made directly to the Board. A copy of the determination is enclosed with this application.

In relation to Cloncant Renewable Energy Limited versus the previous applicant, Statkraft Ireland, please note that Cloncant Renewable Energy Limited is a SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) company used by Statkraft Ireland for this specific project and Cloncant Renewable Energy Limited is wholly owned by Statkraft Ireland Limited.

In addition, and further to prior correspondences and the substation pre-application meeting of the 25th of March 2020, the 400m grid connection has changed. Due to an Eirgrid specification and third party land requirements, a 400m overhead line is proposed to connect the substation to the National Electrical Grid.

The Applicant is therefore applying to the Board for permission under Section 182B of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) for the following:

- One (1) No. proposed 110kV Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) Loop Substation including: an outdoor electrical yard including electrical equipment such as electrical pylons, over and underground ducting & cables, busbars, disconnects, breakers, sealing ends, lightning and lighting masts, single storey control building containing associated facilities (relay room, battery room, generator room, messroom, welfare facilities, workshop and office). Security fencing and all associated works.
- 400m overhead line (OHL) grid connection going south east from the substation and connecting into the adjacent existing Cushaling – Mount Lucas 110kv OHL.



- One (1) No. site entrance and 60m entrance road.
- One (1) No. Temporary construction site compounds (95m x 50m).
- Associated surface water management systems.
- All Associated site development works.

The application includes the following:

- 1) Completed Application Form
- 2) Landowner Consent Letters
- 3) ESRI shapefile of application site boundary in the Irish Transverse Mercator co-ordinate reference system
- 4) Schedule of planning application drawings
- 5) Planning application drawings
- 6) Original and copy of public newspaper notice published in the Irish Independent
- 7) Original and Copy of public newspaper notice published in the Topic.
- 8) Copy of Site Notice in English
- 9) Schedule of Pre-application Consultation
- 10) Copy of the Pre-application Determination
- 11) Schedule of prescribed bodies to whom notification of the application will be sent
- 12) Sample copy of the notification to the prescribed bodies
- 13) Copy of the confirmation notice to the EIA Portal
- 14) Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR):
 - Volume 1: Non-Technical Summary
 - Volume 2: Main EIAR
 - Volume 3: Appendices
- 15) Natura Impact Statement (NIS)
- 16) CD copy of all application documents
- 17) Application fee to the amount of €100,000.

Should you have any queries in relation to the enclosed information please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme Thornton,
Malachy Walsh & Partners.