Our Case Number: ABP-320087-24

Your Reference: Hessian



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Date: 15 May 2025

**Re:** Substation comprising of 220kV Gas Insulated Switchgear Building, Independent Power Producer Compound, Battery Energy Storage System Compound, Undergorund Grid Connection and Associated Cabling.

Townland of Cloonarkan, Clonbern and Laughil, Co Galway (https://www.clonbernegrid.com/)

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer further to the above mentioned proposed development which is before the Board for consideration.

Please be advised that the Board, in accordance with section 182A(5)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, hereby requires you to furnish the following further information in relation to the effects on the environment of the proposed development:

## **Procedural Issues**

1. A detailed response to the submissions received from observers, prescribed bodies and the local authority to the application.

## **Battery Energy Storage System**

- 2. A Fire Risk Management Plan detailing measures to prevent a fire from occurring at the Battery Energy Storage System Compound.
- 3. An Emergency Response Plan detailing procedures in the event of a fire occurring and include actions the operator is responsible for. The plan should provide details of proposed water supply for such events and a surface water drainage plan addressing potential, if any, of downstream impacts of firewater. Containment measures to be put in place should be detailed.

Any alterations/insertions to the documentation accompanying the application including the EIAR and NIS as a consequence of the above information should be clearly delineated.

The further information referred to above should be received by the Board within 6 months from the date of this notice (i.e. no later than **5.30 p.m.** on the **17th of November 2025**).

In this regard, please submit 2 hard copies and 1 electronic copy of the above information.

Please note that following its examination of any information lodged in response to this request for additional information, the Board will then decide whether or not to invoke its powers under section 182A(8)(a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended, requiring you to publish notice of the furnishing of any additional information and to allow for inspection or purchase of same and the making of further written submissions in relation to same to the Board.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the undersigned officer of the Board or email <a href="mailto:sids@pleanala.ie">sids@pleanala.ie</a> quoting the above mentioned An Bord Pleanála reference number in any correspondence with the Board.

Yours faithfully,

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