

Mr. Ian Lumley,
Heritage & Planning Office,
An Taisce,
Tailors' Hall,
Back Lane,
Dublin 8

DATE: XXXXXXX

RE: Notice of Forthcoming Application for Approval to An Bord Pleanála in respect of a Proposed Electricity Transmission Development (the North-South 400 kV Interconnection Development)

Dear Mr. Lumley,

EirGrid plc gives notice of its intention to make an application to An Bord Pleanála for approval of that portion of a cross-border electricity transmission interconnector to be located in counties Monaghan, Cavan and Meath (and referred to as the 'proposed North-South 400 kV Interconnection Development').

The overall proposed interconnector (approximately 138km long) will link the existing electricity transmission networks of Northern Ireland and Ireland between Turleenan, County Tyrone and Woodland, near Batterstown, County Meath.

In accordance with Section 182A (4)(b) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as inserted by the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act 2006, please find enclosed a copy of the application, including Environmental Impact Statement and Natura Impact Statement, for your consideration. As agreed by your office, **1 no. hard copy of the entire application and 1 no. electronic copy is enclosed**. Please note that the drawings provided in electronic format are at full size.

The Board may make the following types of decision, under section 182B of the Planning and Development Act, 2000 (as amended), in relation to the application for approval:

- (a) Approve the proposed development,
- (b) Make such modifications to the proposed development as it specifies in the approval and approve the proposed development as so modified,
- (c) Approve, in part only, the proposed development (with or without specified modifications of it of the foregoing kind), or

(d) Refuse to approve the proposed development

and may attach to an approval under (a), (b), or (c) above such conditions as it considers appropriate.

Submissions and observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála ('the Board'), 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, during the period of xxxx weeks commencing on XXXX, relating to:

- (i) The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the areas concerned, and
- (ii) The likely effects on the environment or adverse effects on the integrity of a European site, of the proposed development, if carried out.

In this regard, submissions and observations must be received by the Board not later than 5.30p.m on XXXXXX.

Yours sincerely,

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For RPS

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