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**NORTH-SOUTH 400kV INTERCONNECTION DEVELOPMENT, PROJECT OF COMMON INTEREST (PCI)
ABP REF. PCI001**

Dear Diarmuid,

I refer to the Draft Application File (DAF) in respect of the proposed North-South 400kV Interconnection Development submitted to the Board under the Projects of Common Interest (PCI) procedure on 7th November 2014, and the missing information and revisions to the DAF, submitted to the Board, on the 13th March 2015.

Article 10(5) of Regulation 347/2013 states *inter alia* that: *"The project promoter shall ensure the completeness and adequate quality of the application file and seek the competent authority's opinion on this as early as possible during the pre-application procedure"* (our emphasis).

Given that the Board has identified the scope of material and level of detail of information to be submitted by the project promoter as part of the application file, and that the Board has reviewed the draft application file submitted by EirGrid, and has requested and received missing information in respect of that draft application file, EirGrid considers that this is now an appropriate time to seek the Board's opinion, as competent authority, as to the completeness and adequate quality of the application file.

EirGrid therefore respectfully requests the Board's opinion in this regard.

In the context of forming its opinion, the Board might note that SONI, the System Operator in Northern Ireland and Applicant for that portion of the overall proposed interconnector within Northern Ireland, intends to submit an Addendum to its Consolidated Environmental Statement (ES) to the Planning Service Section of the Department of the Environment in Northern Ireland, who are the determining authority for that separate application within that jurisdiction.



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The Consolidated ES, originally submitted to the Planning Service in Northern Ireland in June 2013, forms part of the missing information submitted to the Board on the 13th March 2015.

Should the Addendum be submitted by SONI to the Department prior to formal lodgement with An Bord Pleanála of the application for Approval of the North-South 400 kV Interconnection Development, it will be included with the application.

I trust that this request for the Board's opinion regarding the completeness and adequacy of the application file fulfils EirGrid's obligation under Article 10(5) of Regulation 247/2013 and EirGrid looks forward to the receipt of the Board's opinion.

Yours sincerely,

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