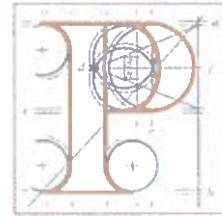


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**Re: PCI 2.13.1 North-South 400kv Electricity Interconnector**

Dear Alan,

I write to inform you that An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure) has granted the necessary approval for the North-South Electricity Interconnector project and therefore the PCI Statutory Permit Granting procedure has now been completed (within the overall timeframe allowed by Article 10.2 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013) and the Comprehensive Decision for the above named project has issued on December 19th, 2016.

The issuing of the Comprehensive Decision signals the conclusion of the PCI process. All details can be found at [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie).

Yours sincerely,

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