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Hello Sorcha,

Please see attached for the CRU response in relation to the Authorisation to Construct and Interconnector draft application. My colleagues will respond to the S48/49 consent aspects separately.

FYI I'm on leave from Friday for 2 weeks but Lucy Cradden can assist you with anything you need while I'm away.

Many thanks,

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Hi Roisin,

Please find attached copy of letter which issued today by post in relation to Greenlink Project. An electronic version of the draft application is included with hard copy of this letter.

Kind Regards,

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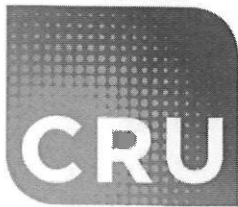
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CRU Ref: D/20/13940

Ms. Sorcha Skelly

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Dear Ms. Skelly,

Re: PCI 0004, PCI Project 1.9.1, the Greenlink (Ireland-Wales Interconnector) Project.

Further to your letter of July 9th, the CRU can provide the following comments on the draft application for an *Authorisation to Construct an Interconnector* submitted by Greenlink Interconnector Limited (GIL).

GIL have completed the existing (2007) application form available on the CRU website. As GIL have been made aware, this application form is currently being updated and while the CRU has stated that the new form is intended to continue to align with the criteria set out in S.I. 309 of 1999, the specific detail of the information required may change. As with the response given to the Scoping and Scheduling phase of the PCI process, the CRU has considered the submitted draft application in so far as is possible with the knowledge that the final CRU application requirements have yet to be determined.

For the three categories below, the information provided is broadly sufficient for the CRU to accept the application for a full assessment, according to the requirements on the existing application form:

- **Applicant, company, operator and interconnector details**
- **Technical specifications, and evidence of competence of operators**
- **Compliance with grid safety and security requirements and evidence of connection agreement**

Some of the detail required in these areas may be slightly different in the updated form. The applicant must pay close attention to the new submission requirements when making its application.

Under the remaining categories, the information provided in the draft application does not meet the requirements specified under the existing form, and these requirements are not expected to be significantly different in the new form:

- **Financial history of the applicant/company**
Applicants are required to submit statements of the accounts for the last two years, together with copies of the latest audited accounts. If more than three months have elapsed since the end of the accounting year covered by the accounts submitted, the applicant must confirm that no material adverse change has occurred. The GIL draft application does not include accounts for the required dates.
- **Project timelines and financial feasibility**
Applicants are required to submit detailed financial forecasts for the project in order to demonstrate financial security and feasibility, including the source of finance and confirmation from lenders, where relevant. Such information has not been included in the GIL draft application.
- **Details of current or future planning applications or consents**
In order to issue an Authorisation to Construct an Interconnector, the CRU required evidence of planning consent under the existing form. This has not been included in the draft application. CRU has previously stated it may allow for future applications to be made prior to the relevant planning consents being received. In this situation, once the relevant planning consents have been granted and made available to the CRU, and provided the remainder of the application meets the necessary requirements, the CRU could then issue the Authorisation.

The above information has been provided to support the PCI process. As stated previously, the CRU response is limited as the applicant will be required to use new application forms when submitting their final application. Those new forms will contain different submission requirements to those of the draft application.

The new Authorisation to Construct an Interconnector application form is expected to be made available in the coming weeks and will be published on the CRU website. It will contain detailed checklists setting out very clearly the requirements for the application. An application will only be accepted for assessment where the minimum application requirements have been met. Where they have not been met, the application will be returned and the applicant will be notified of the areas that were lacking to facilitate a valid resubmission. Following submission of an application, the CRU may request additional information in respect of the application for support or clarification purposes.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours Sincerely,



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