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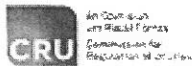
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Subject: RE: PCI Notification Letter - Greenlink Interconnector Limited Project
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Dear Sorcha,

Please find attached the CRU response in relation to the above matter.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Róisín



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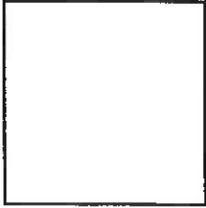
Please find attached a letter from An Bord Pleanála (PCI Unit), the Competent Authority for PCIs in Ireland, to CRU dated May 28th, 2019. Also attached is the PCI notification letter and TEN-E Regulation Pre-Application Notification (project outline) for the Greenlink Interconnector Limited project.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Ms Kelly,

Re: PCI 1.9.1 “Greenlink Electricity Interconnector” Project

Further to your letter of May 28th, the CRU can provide the following information in relation to the Greenlink Interconnector Limited project.

In December 2017, Element Power submitted the Greenlink interconnector application to CRU under Section 2A of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999. In its application Element Power requested the CRU to:

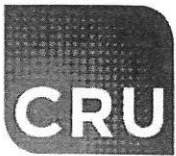
1. determine if the construction of the Greenlink interconnector is in the public interest for the project to be considered to be part of the transmission system for the purposes of calculating and imposing charges for the use of the transmission system; and
2. approve the proposed charging methodology for Greenlink pursuant to section 35 of the Act which is based on a 25 year Cap and Floor regime.

In June 2018, the CRU published Element Power’s application and a CRU consultation paper (CRU18119) requesting views on the initial assessment of Greenlink by the CRU. The CRU noted in the consultation paper that the assessment of Greenlink involves two stages:

1. testing the public interest case of the proposed interconnector by reviewing a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) of the project; and
2. determining the best approach on a Cap and Floor mechanism.

The consultation paper noted that if the CRU CBA revealed that Greenlink would generate overall (net) benefits to Irish consumers then the CRU would go on to consider the appropriate regulatory regime that is justified by public interest.

In October 2018, the CRU published a determination on the Greenlink electricity interconnector application (CRU18216). In this determination CRU assessed the “public interest” stage by conducting its own CBA and comparing the results to those provided by the



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Greenlink project promoters. The CRU's view was that the Greenlink interconnector is in the public interest.

As part of the next stage, following sufficiently detailed financial and technical submissions from the Greenlink developers, the CRU expects to consult on a Cap and Floor regime in Q3 2019.

We note that the list of CRU required consents identified in the submission omits the CRU administered 'licence to transport electricity across and maintain an interconnector' as required by section 14 (1)(i) of the Electricity Regulation Act, 1999 as amended. As discussions relating to this consent are already in process between the applicant and CRU, the administrative omission does not represent an issue. For your information, this licence is an end stage consent.

Having regard to the above and acknowledging that PCI schedules will differ between projects and applicants, the CRU can determine no reason to reject the Greenlink Interconnector Limited notification at this time.

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

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Roisin Cullinan', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and extends to the right.

Roisin Cullinan
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