

DRAFT APPLICATION FILE

MISSING INFORMATION SCHEDULE (March 2015)

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Description of Development	The description of the proposed development contained with the draft application file documentation and particularly the structure heights shall be such to ensure that these are consistent with the height of structures shown on the proposed Tower Outline Drawings specified on drawing numbers MT-008-001 to MT-008-007.	The proposed Tower Outline Drawings (drawing numbers MT-008-001 to MT-008-007) have been amended to show the proposed specific height range for the towers which are the subject of this application for approval.	Volume 1B , Planning Drawings
General	Where addressing the matters set out below all the relevant Volumes of the EIS (including the Non-Technical Summary) should be reviewed. Where appropriate, the numbering used in the Scoping Opinion given by An Bord Pleanála (SID) of 11th December, 2013 is used	In responding to each of the individual items set out, all volumes of the EIS (Volume 3) have been cross referenced including the Non-Technical Summary (Volume 3A). As requested the Board's scoping opinion reference for each of the items of missing information has been included.	N/A
2.1 Introduction (Scoping Opinion Ref: 1)	The authors of, and contributors to, relevant sections of the EIS should be identified	A new table outlining the role of each of the companies involved in preparing the EIS is included in two separate locations in the amended DAF documentation.	Table 1.2, section 1.5 Chapter 1, Volume 3A of the EIS. Table 1.3, section 1.4.4, Chapter 1, Volume 3B of the EIS.
2.2 Description of Development (Scoping Opinion Ref: 2)	Notwithstanding comments in the EIS, further detail should be provided with regard to the nature of works and likely impacts arising from any future decommissioning of the proposed development	Additional detail has been provided.	Additional text is provided at para. 96, section 7.3.12, Volume 3B of the EIS.

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2.5.1 Humans (Scoping Opinion Ref: 5.1)	Documentation should confirm whether there are any relevant extant planning permissions, or current planning applications as appropriate, along the route of the proposed development	New tables indicating extant permission within 200m of proposed development have been provided.	New table (Table 2.1) indicating extant permission within 200m of proposed development for both the CMSA and MSA sections added to section 2.2.2, Volume 2A (Planning Report) . New table (Table 2.2) indicating extant permission within 200m of proposed development for the CMSA section added to section 2.4.1.2, Volume 3C of the EIS. New table (Table 2.2) indicating extant permission within 200m of proposed development for the CMSA section 2.4.1.2, Volume 3D of the EIS.
2.5.2 Flora and Fauna (Scoping Opinion Ref: 5.2)	Notwithstanding the current stage in the process, the draft Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) should be prepared based on the information available at this time. The CEMP should have regard to mitigation measures identified in Natura Impact Statement, as well as the Environmental Impact Statement and greater elaboration on the format, structure and content of the CEMP is required. Examples or extracts from previous similar CEMPs may also assist in this regard.	<i>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan</i> amended	Updated <i>Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) 2015</i> is provided as Appendix 7.1, Volume 3B Appendices of the EIS.
	In 6.5 of Volume 3D, clarification is required with regard to the last bullet point in section 6.1.2.	Additional text has been added clarifying that no impacts are expected to any protected flora species as none were recorded and potential habitats are avoided.	Additional text is provided at para. 243, section 6.5.2.1, Volume 3D of the EIS
2.5.6 Landscape (Scoping Opinion Ref: 5.6)	Where significant impacts on landscapes/demesne landscapes are identified, the EIS should address the potential for partial undergrounding of the line to mitigate those impacts.	New report entitled <i>The Potential for partial Undergrounding of the Line to Mitigate Significant Impacts on the Landscape</i> (2015) provided.	Report <i>The Potential for partial Undergrounding of the Line to Mitigate Significant Impacts on the Landscape</i> (2015) provided as Appendix 5.1, Volume 3B

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2.5.7 Material Assets (Scoping Opinion Ref: 5.6)	The indicative route of the proposed Leinster Orbital Route and relationship with the proposed development should be identified, based on best available information.	New figure added to show the relationship of the indicative corridors of the proposed Orbital Route with that of the proposed North-South 400 kV Interconnection Development.	New Figure 13.1 entitled ' <i>Indicative Corridors of Proposed Leinster Orbital Route</i> ' added to section 13.4.4, Volume 3D of the EIS.
	Confirm where, if any, re-routing of existing overhead lines will be required.	New report entitled <i>North-South 400 kV Interconnection Development - Identification and Resolution of Conflicts with Overhead Line Infrastructure (2015)</i> provided.	Report entitled <i>North-South 400 kV Interconnection Development - Identification and Resolution of Conflicts with Overhead Line Infrastructure (2015)</i> provided as Appendix 7.3, Volume 3B of the EIS.
	A preliminary construction traffic management plan should be submitted outlining how these matters will be addressed. In this respect EirGrid's attention is drawn to the pre-application consultation discussions held with An Bord Pleanála (SID) in connection with file 02. VC0054 on the 23rd December 2013.	New report entitled <i>Outline Traffic Management Plan (TMP) (2015)</i>	Report entitled <i>Outline Traffic Management Plan (TMP) (2015)</i> provided as Appendix 7.2, Volume 3B of the EIS
2.5.8 Cultural Heritage (Scoping Opinion Ref: 5.8)	The EIS should confirm that consideration was given to potential impacts on the relationship between sites of archaeological, cultural and architectural interest as well as to impacts on individual sites and features	A revision has been made to the description of the cultural heritage appraisal methodology confirming that consideration was given to potential impacts on the relationship between sites of archaeological, cultural and architectural interest as well as to impacts on individual sites and features. Specifically, it is confirmed that the evaluation of a site's 'Sensitivity to Impacts on Setting' was based upon inter alia " <i>group value including spatial and historic relationships between cultural heritage sites</i> ".	Section 14.1.5.1 entitled ' <i>Evaluation of Sites Sensitivity to Impacts on Setting</i> ', in Appendix 14.1 (CMSA Detailed Methodology), Volume 3C Appendices . Section 14.1.5.1 entitled ' <i>Evaluation of Sites Sensitivity to Impacts on Setting</i> ', in Appendix 14.1 (CMSA Detailed Methodology), Volume 3D Appendices .
Other Matters	Clarify reference under Item 4.30 on pages 11-14 of Volume 3B, to "See 4.34 below." under monitoring.	The reference to "see 4.34 below" was an error. It has been replaced with "Yes. <i>Annually for 10 years.</i> "	Item 4.30, Chapter 11, Table 11.1, Volume 3B of the EIS.

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	<p>Correct reference to "Error! Reference Source not found." in paragraph 1 of pages 14-21 of Vol. 3C</p>	<p>The 'Error' reference has been removed.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
	<p>The EIS should ensure that all figures and illustrations contained in Volumes 3A – 3D are fully legible. This relates in particular to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Figure 2.1 on pages 2-4 of Volume 3B. • Figure 6.1 on pages 6-3 of Volume 3B. Figure 7.10 on pages 7-22. • Figure 4.1 on pages 4-19 of Volume 3B. 	<p>All figures and illustrations contained in Volumes 3A to 3D of the EIS have been reviewed and replaced with higher quality images where necessary.</p>	<p>Figure 2.1, Chapter 2, section 2.3.1, Volume 3B has been replaced.</p> <p>Figure 4.1, Chapter 4, section 4.6, Volume 3B has been replaced.</p> <p>Figure 6.1, Chapter 6, section 6.2.1, Volume 3B has been replaced. An A3 version of the figure is also provided in Volume 3B Figures.</p> <p>Figure 7.10, Chapter 7, section 7.3.4.4.1, Volume 3B has been replaced. An A3 version of the figure is also provided in Volume 3B Figures.</p>
	<p>Ensure that each Volume of the EIS and Appendices is provided with a Table of Contents</p>	<p>Each volume of the EIS and Appendices now contains a Table of Contents</p>	<p>All volumes and appendices relating to the EIS now contain a Table of Contents</p>
	<p>Copies of all background reports and studies referenced in the EIS should be submitted with the application. These should include, in particular, the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meath-Tyrone Report Review by the International Expert Commission August, November 2011 - January 2012; • Government Policy Statement on the Strategic 	<p>All these reports (and others) were submitted on a disc as part of the DAF on 7th November 2014. They are now included in hard copy.</p>	<p>Volume 3B, Reference Material</p>

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	<p>Importance of Transmission and Other Energy Infrastructure, July 2012;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grid25 Implementation Programme (IP) 2011-2016 and accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) both May 2012; • EirGrid's Project Development and Consultation Roadmap, 2012. • The PB Power Preliminary Briefing Note (Parsons Brinckerhoff, Power Division [PB Power], 2008) and subsequent PB Power Study (2009). • The TEPCO Study (TEPCO, 2009). • The TransGrid Study (TransGrid, 2009). • The Ecofys Study (Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources (DCENR) 2008). A Study on the Comparative Merits of Overhead Electricity Transmission Lines Versus Underground Cables. • The PB Power Technology and Costs Update (PB Power, April 2013 and Supplementary Note July 2013). • Europacable and ENTSO-E (Feasibility and Technical Aspects of Partial Undergrounding of Extra High Voltage Power Transmission Lines submitted to the European Commission (December 2010) 		
	<p>The draft application file (Volume 4) is accompanied by a Joint Environmental Report (JER) as proposed in the EU document Guidance on the Application of the Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure for Large-scale Transboundary Projects (2013). This document makes reference to the consolidated Environmental Statement lodged in conjunction with planning applications for that section of the proposed development within Northern Ireland. This consolidated Environmental Statement should be provided and accompany the JER as an Appendix to that document.</p>	<p>The Consolidated Environmental Statement for the SONI portion of the proposed development (May 2014) is now included as an Appendix to Volume 4 of the application documentation.</p> <p>[It should be noted that an Addendum to the Consolidated Environmental Statement for the SONI portion of the proposed development is currently being prepared. This Addendum will be submitted to the Board once it has been submitted to the Planning Service Northern Ireland.]</p>	<p>The SONI Tyrone – Cavan Consolidated Environmental Statement (ES) (May 2013) is provided as Appendix 1, Volume 4 of the application package.</p>
	<p>It is noted however that within the Volumes supplied there is missing information/documents reflecting the ongoing</p>		<p>A revised draft Public Notice is included in Volume 1A, of the</p>

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	<p>work by EirGrid in preparing for the application submission and consultations being carried out/required e.g. within Volume 1A (Statutory Documents) and 2B (Public and Landowner Consultation (sic) Report and Appendices). Your attention is drawn to this missing information. In addition it is noted that the draft Public Notice contained within Volume 1A (Statutory Documents) omits reference to article 217 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 requiring that any submission shall state the subject matter of the submission and the reasons, considerations and arguments on which it is based in full. The draft Notice also omits reference to the absolute discretion of An Bord Pleanála to determine whether or not an oral hearing should be held in any particular case and directing the public to the Guide on An Bord Pleanála's website. Note also that the notice should refer to likely effects on the environment of the proposed development.</p>	<p>The missing information / documents from the DAF primarily relate to documents which cannot be completed until the lodgement of the final application.</p> <p>Notwithstanding this, in light of the Board's observations, the draft Public Notice has been revised and the text amended to include the information detailed above.</p>	<p>application documentation.</p>
	<p>It is necessary to supply certain documentation in the Irish language. You are invited to submit such appropriate supporting public notices or documentation in the Irish language with the missing information requested.</p>	<p>An Irish translation of the main DAF documentation is included on a disc submitted with the DAF.</p>	<p>Irish Translation Disc, submitted with DAF.</p>