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Mr. Alan Chowney,  
Energy Markets – External,  
Department of Enterprise,  
Trade and Investment,  
Netherleigh,  
Massey Avenue,  
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Northern Ireland.

12<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.

**Re: Projects of Common Interest**

Dear Mr. Chowney,

As you are aware An Bord Pleanála is the Competent Authority to facilitate and co-ordinate the permit granting process for Projects of Common Interest in the Republic of Ireland.

Eirgrid the project promoter in the Republic of Ireland for the North-South electricity interconnector has by letter dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2014 notified An Bord Pleanála in its role as Competent Authority of the project in accordance with Article 10.1(a) of Regulation (EU) 347/2013. I attach a copy of the letter received from Eirgrid.

An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) is now considering whether or not the notification should be acknowledged or rejected as not mature enough to enter the permit granting process. Any comments you wish to make on the matter should be forwarded to me.

Yours sincerely,

Diarmuid Collins,  
Senior Administrative Officer.