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Your Ref: PCI0001

North-South 400kV Interconnection Development

Dear Seamus,

As requested please find enclosed a checklist of the key matters identified by the Board in respect of the 'scope of material and level of detail to be included with the application' and the locations of where these matters are addressed in the application documentation.

I also wish to submit the following additions to the draft application file (DAF) that EirGrid submitted to you on 07th November 2014.

- 1. The Figures for Volume 4, the Joint Environmental Report. These are referenced in that draft report's table of contents but were not included in the DAF submitted on 07th November.
- 2. A replacement for Appendix I of the draft of Volume 2B, Appendices. The previous version, submitted on 07th November, consisted solely of a copy of the July 2013 Landowner Brochure. The new Appendix I consists of samples of letters and related documents, including that July 2013 Landowner brochure that were issued during the course of the landowner engagement process. Each of these documents is discussed and described in turn in the text of Chapter 7 of Volume 2B and are included in the new Appendix I for the reader's ease of reference.









As per your request I am submitting three printed copies of Items 1 and 2 above and six soft copies on CDs.

I trust you find this satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

Project Manager

Encl:

Three printed copies of the Figures for Volume 4, the Joint Environmental Report. Three printed copies of new Appendix I of Volume 2B

Six CDs

Checklist to Draft Application File (PCI0001)

Key Matters identified by the Board in respect of the Scope of Material and Level of Detail to be included with the Application	Where it is addressed in the application documentation
Extent of the prospective applicant's re- evaluation of the project having regard to matters arising from the withdrawal of application 02.VA0006	Public and Landowner input into re-evaluation process – Volume 2B Summary of re-evaluation process in Section 2.1.2, Volume 2A (this report) Chapters 2, 4 and 5 Volume 3B Appendix 1.1 and 1.2, Volume 3B Appendices
Background and continuing need for the proposed development.	Chapter 2, Volume 3B
Support for project in local, national and regional context including Government policy and European context.	Chapter 4, Volume 2A (this report)
Established context of project within Grid 25 Strategy.	Section 4.3.9, Volume 2A (this report)
Status of Grid 25 document.	Section 4.3.9, Volume 2A (this report)
Route re-evaluation and associated environmental assessments carried out to inform the application supporting documents/ EIS / NIS including reasoning for omissions of the proposed Kingscourt Substation.	Chapters 2, 4 and 5 (Section 5.2.4.1) Volume 3B Appendix 1.1 and 1.2, Volume 3B Appendices
Identification of the difficulties encountered in regard to access to lands to carry out development and to undertake necessary baseline surveys (any difficulties should be recorded in the EIS and means to address them explained). Updated status of planning application(s) lodged	Section 1.5, Volume 3B AN BORD PLEANALA TIME BY 2 4 NOV 2014 LIK-DATED FROM Section 1.4.1, Volume 2A (this-report)—and
in Northern Ireland.	Section 1.1.3.1, Volume 3B and elsewhere in the application documentation
Technological alternatives reviewed.	Chapter 4, Volume 3B

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Public and other consultations entered into in regard to the project and how evaluated/incorporated into development.	Volume 2B and Chapter 3, Volume 3B
Explanation in supporting documents of the justification for the routing of line and siting of structures chosen and the balance and weighting used between avoidance of impacts on different types of sensitive receptors such as landscapes and residential property in the vicinity of the proposed development.	The range of technical, environmental and landowner considerations which guided the line design process are set out in Section 5.4.2.1, Chapter 5, Volume 3B.
Applicant's methodology to ensure adoption of a consistent approach throughout the application and EIS documents having regard to extent of the project and proposed MSA and CMSA analysis subdivisions in the proposed EIS.	Chapter 1, Volume 3B.
Explanation and justification for the approach being taken to remove structures from sensitive ecological receptors and where access to survey not facilitated and given progress of line design to seek permission for fixed tower locations.	Section 1.5 of Volume 3B The range of environmental considerations which guided the line design process are set out in Section 5.4.2.1, Chapter 5, Volume 3B Section 6.3.2.5, Volume 3B addresses the fixing of tower positions
Gaeltacht areas to be identified along with noting associated procedures including for public notices in Irish and translation of parts of supporting application / EIS documentation into Irish as appropriate.	The public notices will be translated into frish as will supporting application / EIS documentation.
Extent and nature of documents, maps, drawings including aerial photographs and information to be provided with the application and EIS to include up to date baseline data and base maps. This includes showing new M3 road and recently constructed development and that	Volume 18 includes all the planning application drawings for the proposed development.

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with planning permission.		
How applicant will address issues arising from the proposed development likely to having significant effects on the environment of a transboundary state.	Section 3.3 Volume 2A Chapter 9, Volume 3B Transboundary procedures	
Entirety of environmental effects of Interconnector project to be assessed and dealt with in the application documentation and need for production of a Joint Environmental Report as proposed in the European Commission document Guidance on the Application of the Environmental Impact Assessment Procedure for Large-Scale Transboundary Projects.	Refer to Volume 4	
Plans		
The nature and extent of the proposed development should be fully described in drawing form including provision of: Site location plans; Scaled site layout plans; and Plans, elevations and sections (as relevant) of all aspects of the proposed development for which approval is sought including any temporary access arrangements.	Refer to Volume 1B	
Insofar as relevant and having regard to the specific circumstances and linear nature of the proposed development the provisions of article 23 of the <i>Planning and Development Regulations, 2001</i> (as amended) concerning plans, drawings and maps lodged, have also informed the planning application drawings.	Refer to Volume 1B	

