



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION BY EIRGRID OF INFORMATION LEAFLET ON PROPOSED NORTH-SOUTH 400kV INTERCONNECTION DEVELOPMENT

EirGrid is a state-owned company, responsible for the consistent and reliable transmission of electricity throughout Ireland. It is our responsibility to manage the need for power across the grid: we forecast and manage when and where electricity is needed – every hour, every day and every year. As part of our on-going work to keep the electricity grid secure and reliable, we are developing a major piece of infrastructure called the North-South **interconnector**.

North-South Interconnector

This is a cross-border project being proposed by EirGrid and System Operator Northern Ireland (SONI). The planned **interconnector** will allow for the transmission of high-voltage electricity between the existing networks in Ireland and Northern Ireland by creating a new line between Turleenan, County Tyrone and Woodland, near Batterstown, County Meath. The proposed **interconnector** will be approximately 138km long inclusive of approximately 34km located in Northern Ireland.

The **interconnector** will more than double the power transfer capacity between North and South, which will greatly improve the efficiency of the all-island electricity market. It will also enhance the security of the electricity supply throughout the island of Ireland. It will also enable more renewable energy to be connected to the network, reducing our production of greenhouse gasses and our reliance on imported fossil fuels.

EirGrid will apply for planning approval for the part of the scheme located in the Republic of Ireland, which is called the North-South 400kV Interconnection Development. The part of the **interconnector** located in Northern Ireland is being progressed by SONI in that jurisdiction.

Project of Common Interest

The **interconnector** has been designated as a Project of Common Interest (PCI) according to the provisions of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17th April 2013.

This PCI designation means that the project is subject to the provisions of the Regulation 347/2013 which includes those relating to the permit granting process for PCI projects.

PCI Information Leaflet

EirGrid has published an information leaflet that provides information on the project, and the PCI process. The leaflet is available online at www.eirgrid.com

Copies are also available in our local information offices - The Workhouse, Shercock Road, Carrickmacross and 10a Kennedy House, Kennedy Road, Navan.

It can also be requested by calling 1890 25 26 90 (9am-5pm Mon - Fri) or by emailing northsouth@eirgrid.com

More information on the PCI process can be found online at <https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/topics/infrastructure>

Indicative Date of Lodgement of Application

During the 2nd week of June EirGrid intend to submit a planning application for the North-South 400kV Interconnection Development to An Bord Pleanála under section 182A of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 to 2014.



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