Seamus Grant

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Sent:

29 January 2015 10:13

To:

'P OReilly'

Subject:

RE: North-South Interconnector Project

Good morning Mr O'Reilly,

In response to the first point, I can confirm that the referred to meeting of the 16th December 2014 took place between EirGrid and An Bord Pleanála (PCI Unit); for the purposes of clarification, representing the ABP PCI Unit were Senior Administrative Officer Diarmuid Collins and myself (Executive Officer). No planning staff were present at this, or any, meeting held between these two parties. A record of this meeting and all other meetings will be made available in due course.

Regarding the second point, the PCI pre-application phase will close upon the acceptance of the application file by the Competent Authority. I draw your attention to the flow chart on page 13 of the Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures on the An Bord Pleanála website.

ABP (PCI Unit) will make its file on the PCI pre-application process available to the public upon lodgement by EirGrid of an application under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. All documents, including records of meetings and details of the missing information request will be made available at this time.

Regards,

Seamus Grant

From: P OReilly [mailto:piboreilly@eircom.net]

Sent: 04 January 2015 23:31

To: Seamus Grant

Subject: Re: North-South Interconnector Project

Seamus.

Thanks for the update. But I have two queries/points of clarification:

- 1. You state below that: 'Again I want to reiterate that EirGrid did not meet any planning staff nor were the merits or otherwise of the draft application file examined in any way'. Yet EirGrid, in its Project Summary of 23rd December 2014 states that there was a meeting:
- ' 23rd December 2014 1. Section 1 Overview: updated to reflect ABP request for "missing information" following meeting which took place on the 16th of December 2014'
- 2. The pre-application procedure associated with the PCI process commenced on 02 July 2014. When does this pre-application phase close? Is it right up to when a final application is submitted? Will the minutes of all meetings between EirGrid and ABP be then made available to the public? Will the draft application file (DAF) be made available and the specifics of the 'missing information' guidance to EirGrid be made available to the public?

Regards Padraig

---- Original Message ----- From: Seamus Grant
To: piboreilly@eircom.net

Sent: Friday, December 19, 2014 3:02 PM Subject: North-South Interconnector Project

Good afternoon.

I email you to keep you informed of matters in relation to the North-South Interconnector project.

As I stated in my previous email EirGrid have submitted a draft application file to An Bord Pleanála (ABP) (Competent Authority) on 7th November, 2014. ABP in its role as Competent Authority under EU Regulation 347/2013 then proceeded to examine the draft application for missing information. On Tuesday 16th December, 2014 ABP (Competent Authority) informed EirGrid of missing information. It is now up to EirGrid to advance matters as no date was set for it to provide the missing information.

Again I want to reiterate that EirGrid did not meet any planning staff nor were the merits or otherwise of the draft application file examined in any way. ABP will make its file on the PCI process available to the public upon lodgement by EirGrid of an application under the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended.

Regards,

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