

Memorandum

To: Director of Planning, An Bord Pleanála.

From: Diarmuid Collins, An Bord Pleanála (PCI Unit).

Re: Projects of Common Interest

File Ref: PCI0001 North-South Electricity Interconnector

Date: 5th June, 2014.

1. On January 16th 2014, Eirgrid (Project Promoter) notified An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) of the North – South Electricity Interconnector project in accordance with Article 10.1(a) of Regulation (EU) 347/2013. On 15th April 2014, An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) rejected the project as not mature enough to enter the permit granting process on the basis that An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) was considering whether or not the transitional provisions of Article 19 of the Regulation concerning Chapter III applied to the project. On 23rd May 2014, An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) informed Eirgrid a decision had been made that the transitional provisions of Article 19 of the Regulation did not apply to the project and Eirgrid was also informed that it may wish to consider notifying An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) under Article 10.1 (a) following the decision.
2. Eirgrid (Project Promoter) by letter dated 3rd June 2014 has notified An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) of the North – South Electricity Interconnector project in accordance with Article 10.1(a) of Regulation (EU) 347/2013. Eirgrid states that a reasonably detailed outline of the project has been included in its notification.
3. Article 10.1(a) of the Regulation provides that An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) shall, including on behalf of other authorities concerned, acknowledge or, if it considers the project as not mature enough to enter the permit granting process, reject the notification. A three month period is provided for this. Eirgrid is of the opinion that

there is no authority concerned, other than An Bord Pleanála (SID), in relation to permits required.

4. An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) requests a recommendation as to whether the notification should be acknowledged or rejected. The Regulation: Article 10.1 (a) provides that if the project is rejected as not mature enough to enter the permit granting process that a justification for that decision is provided.
5. Eirgrid's letter of notification dated 3rd June 2014 is attached together with DVDs providing what Eirgrid states is a reasonably detailed outline of the project.