

Record Of Meeting

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Case Reference/ Description	North-South 400kV Electricity Interconnector		
Case Type:	Project of Common Interest		
1st/2nd/3rd Meeting:	6th Meeting		
Date:	28 th April 2015	Start Time:	9.30am
Location:	The Offices of An Bord Pleanála	End Time:	10.45am
Chair of Meeting:	Diarmuid Collins	Executive Officer:	Seamus Grant

Attendees:

Representing Competent Authority, An Bord Pleanála, PCI Unit

Diarmuid Collins, Senior Administrative Officer

Seamus Grant, Executive Officer

Representing Project Promoter

David de Casseres, Grid Development Manager, EirGrid

Des Cox, Principal Planner, EirGrid

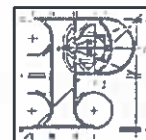
Aidan Geoghegan, Project Manager, EirGrid

Fergal McParland, Principal Engineer, EirGrid

Deirdre Nagle, Solicitor, EirGrid

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Article 10.4 (c): Missing Information

In relation to Missing Information under Article 10.4(c) of the Regulation, An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) has examined the documentation submitted and regards EirGrid as having complied with the requirements of the Article as detailed in the letter of 16/12/14. An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) will now accept the application and considers that, subject to the drawing up of the detailed schedule for the permit granting process, the project may proceed to the statutory permit granting procedure. In relation to your letter of 27/3/15 and Article 10(5) of the Regulation, An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) considers that it has given you, during the course of the pre-application procedure, its opinion of the completeness and adequate quality of the application file. In this regard I draw your attention to the record of the meeting held on 7/11/14 which, inter alia, refers to Article 10.5.

It is important to point out that while the PCI process has addressed the completeness and adequacy of the application file, the process under section 182A of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, is a separate and independent process which will involve significant input from the general public and prescribed bodies and that should An Bord Pleanála (SID) consider that information is required which is not contained in your application, it will be in a position to request such information.

It should also be borne in mind that the examination of the Missing Information carried by An Bord Pleanála (SID) did not involve any consideration of the merits or otherwise of the proposed development nor did it arrive at any conclusion as to whether you had adequately addressed any particular issue in the documents provided in order to conclude on the merits of the case. I refer to the record of the meeting of 16/12/14 in relation to the approach taken to the examination of the draft application.

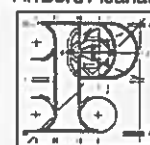
Any examination of the Missing Information did not address the accuracy of the matters as Gaeilge.

Article 10.5: Completeness and Adequate Quality of Application File

In relation to the letter of 27/3/15 and Article 10.5 of the Regulation, An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) considers that it has given, during the course of the pre-application procedure, its opinion of the completeness and adequate quality of the application file. The record of the meeting held on 7/11/14 which, inter alia, refers to Article 10.5.

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The CA stated that it was important to ensure that all outstanding information (for example any omitted relevant dates, names of people intended to consult with, or outcomes of on-going consultations/discussions or dates when they took place) is incorporated into the application file including on-going work in preparing for the application submission. When submitting the report summarising the results of activities related to the participation of the public, EirGrid is requested to submit a separate letter confirming that these matters have been incorporated into the application.

The CA draws attention to the document titled "Other Revisions to the Draft Application File". Having considered the matter, this document was not an issue raised in the letter of 16/12/14 concerning Missing Information and did not form part of any examination of Missing Information carried out.

Article 9.4: Public Participation

The CA considers that EirGrid may now proceed to inform the general public, as required under the modified Public Participation Concept, of the indicative date for lodgement of an application under Section 182A of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended. It is a matter for EirGrid to decide on the indicative date. The meeting noted that it is intended to lodge the application in the second week of June.

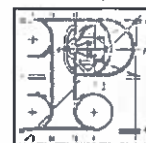
It is intended to have another meeting concerning the detailed schedule for the permit granting process.

In relation to the modified Public Participation Concept and the letter of 10/9/14, the CA draws attention to that part of the record of the meeting of 13/10/14 concerning Opportunities for Public Participation. As stated at that meeting, a working assumption should be made that an oral hearing will take place.

Attention was drawn to Article 9.4 of the Regulation and the requirement to submit a report summarising the results of activities related to the participation of the public prior to the submission of the application file, including those activities that took place before the start of the permit granting process.

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SI Application Indicative Date

EirGrid informed the Competent Authority that it was its intention to lodge the SI Application in the second week of June. As Competent Authority, ABP (PCI Unit) stated that it noted the indicative date and that if there was any change to that date that it was a matter for EirGrid to select another date.

Schedule

ABP (PCI Unit) as Competent Authority are not yet in a position to finalise the drawing up in close co-operation the detailed schedule for the permit granting process. However, the CA does not see any impediment to EirGrid as project promoter proceeding with the information leaflet and advertisement(s) as required by the letter of 10/09/2014 which modified the Concept of Public Participation.

EirGrid also does not see any matter that needs to be addressed by the Competent Authority that would prevent it from proceeding with the information leaflet and advertisements. EirGrid stated that it did have an expectation that details of the schedule for the permit granting process would have been available for possible inclusion in the leaflets. For the next steps it is envisioned that following a meeting to draw up in close cooperation a detailed schedule for the permit granting process EirGrid will submit to the CA:

- A complete PCI Application file;
- A letter stating that it had incorporated all outstanding details on the Application file;
- A report under Article 9.4 of Reg. 347/2013.

Diarmuid Collins,
Senior Administrative Officer
29th May, 2015