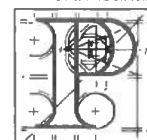


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Case Reference/ Description	North-South 400kV Electricity Interconnector		
Case Type:	Project of Common Interest		
1st/2nd/3rd Meeting:	2nd Meeting		
Date:	21 st August 2014	Start Time:	12.15pm
Location:	The Offices of An Bord Pleanála	End Time:	12.45pm
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

Aidan Geoghegan, Project Manager, EirGrid

Deirdre Nagle, Solicitor, EirGrid

Des Cox, Senior Co-Ordinator, Public Planning, EirGrid



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Introduction

The Board's representatives stated that the meeting was required to address an outstanding issue from the previous meeting (July 10th) which stated that Article 9.4 of the Regulation 347/2013 would be further discussed by the two parties.

Article 9.4

EirGrid stated that their interpretation of Article 9.4 was that the public participation concept report was prepared and submitted initially and a report with results of public participation activities would be prepared and submitted with the application file. EirGrid's opinion is that it will more than satisfy the requirements of the first paragraph of article 9.4 of the regulation.

EirGrid stated that it has no outstanding issue would cause impediment to An Bord Pleanála approving or modifying the Public Participation Concept.

EirGrid stated that consultation had been ongoing since 2007 and was beyond the minimum requirements. ABP agreed consultation had taken place but stated that the scope of consultation would be open for consideration by the Board in assessing the Public Participation Concept.

Scheduling

EirGrid stated that scheduling and scoping of material and level of detail of information required for the project could begin at any time and that it saw nothing in the regulation that would preclude this taking place at this stage. The CA stated that it preferred that the process would begin no earlier than the date the Board approved the project Public Participation Concept (PPC).

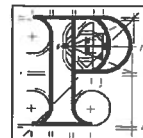
Conclusion

It was agreed that the discussion on Article 9.4 was finalised.

Diarmuid Collins,
Senior Administrative Officer
September 4th, 2014

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Case Reference/Description	North-South 400kV Electricity Interconnector		
Case Type:	Project of Common Interest		
1st/2nd/3rd Meeting:	1st Meeting		
Date:	10th July 2014	Start Time:	2.00pm
Location:	The Offices of An Bord Pleanála	End Time:	4.30pm
Chair of Meeting:	Diarmuid Collins	Executive Officer:	Seamus Grant

Attendees:

Representing Competent Authority, An Bord Pleanála, PCI Unit

Diarmuid Collins, Senior Administrative Officer

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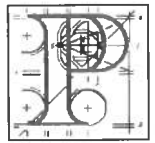
Fergal McParland, Principal Engineer, EirGrid

Sinead O'Malley, Principal Planner, EirGrid

Deirdre Nagle, Solicitor, EirGrid

Deborah Meghen, Manager HV Transmission Projects, EirGrid

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Introduction

The Board's representatives welcomed the project promoter and introductions were made.

The Board's representatives stated that the meeting was not being held under the Planning and Development Acts but under Regulation 347/2013. Nevertheless, certain procedures that are used for meetings in relation to Strategic Infrastructure will be followed and a record of the meeting will be taken by ABP and Eirgrid would get the opportunity to comment on the record. The attached agenda (Appendix A) was put forward for the meeting. The public availability of the records would be discussed at the next meeting.

Eirgrid impressed upon CA the critical nature of the N/S Project to electricity security and the All-Ireland market and to achieving renewable energy targets. It was noted that the Northern Ireland section of the project was also a the PCI project.

Scheduling

The CA requested that documentation relating to the Independent Expert Panel's opinion on the extent and integrity of Eirgrid's competitive analysis of the project would be submitted.

Eirgrid noted that July 2nd, 2014, the date ABP acknowledged Eirgrid's notification under article 10.1(a) of Reg. 347/2013 as the commencement of the PCI process.

CA stipulated that scheduling and scoping of material and level of detail of information required for the project would begin no earlier than the date the Board approved the project Public Participation Concept (PPC).

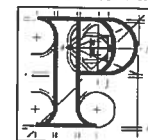
Public Participation Concept (PPC)

Eirgrid made a Powerpoint Presentation of the project Public Participation Concept at this point.

Both parties noted that the finalised PPC would be publicly available as per manual of permit granting process procedures.

The issue of the publication of submissions (in accordance with Manual/Regulation, Article) was raised. Eirgrid drew attention to concerns over the retrospective nature

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of submissions as most of the public consultation had taken place before the regulation came into effect; this could have impact on grounds of privacy or good faith on the public. CA noted that these concerns are a valid point. The topic will be addressed at the next meeting.

CA requested that included with the PPC report would be a statement or annex referencing adherence to the regulation 347/2013 Annex. The PPC report should also include details of the genesis of the concept. The PPC report should include details of stakeholder analysis and examples of consultation with public individuals without compromising the privacy of these individuals.

Eirgrid raised the point regarding the literal interpretation of Annex VI, Item 5(a), with particular regard to "prior" to the start of the consultation. CA noted this.

Regulation 347/2013, Article 9.4 was discussed. This is to be further discussed at the next meeting.

Competent Authority asked Eirgrid to include any reference to European norms on consultation which it might be aware of. Eirgrid referred to CIGRE and said it would cite any relevant guidelines in the PPC.

Eirgrid Project Website

Eirgrid provided a demonstration of the information available on the project website at this point.

Transboundary Issues

Eirgrid asked to what extent DETI(NI) might be involved in the scheduling for permits. Both the CA and Eirgrid noted that for the elements of the project within Northern Ireland Chapter III of the Regulation 347/2013 would not apply. The CA replied that it was liaising closely with DETI(NI) regarding the project but given the position in relation to Chapter III that it considered it was mainly a matter for the PCI Unit and Eirgrid to draw up in close co-operation a schedule for the permit granting process, as required by Article 10.4 (b).

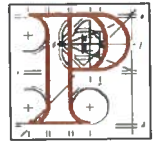
Amendments to Permits

PCI Unit referred Eirgrid to page 26 of the Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures concerning amendments to permits.

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It was agreed that another meeting would be scheduled for the 8th/11th or 12th of August 2014, if required.

Diarmuid Collins,
Senior Administrative Officer
September 4th, 2014

**Meeting between An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority)
and Eirgrid re North-South Electricity Interconnector**

10 July 2014.

AGENDA

1. Regulation 347/2013 and PCI Unit.
2. Schedule for Permit Granting Process.
 - Procedural Stages
3. Public Participation Concept.
4. Scope of Material and Level of Detail of Information.
5. A.O.B.
 - Amendments to Permits.
 - Independent Expert Panel
 - Competent Authority in N.I.
6. Date of Next Meeting.

