

Our Ref: 02.VC0054

Mr. Des Cox,
EirGrid
The Oval
160 Shelbourne Road,
Ballsbridge,
Dublin 4.

15th April, 2014.

Re: North-South 400kV Electricity Interconnector/Projects of Common Interest

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated the 16th January 2014, notifying the Board, in accordance with Article 10(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013, that the above mentioned proposed development had been designated as a project of common interest.


An Bord Pleanála, as competent authority for projects of common interest in Ireland, rejects the notification in accordance with Article 10(1)(a) of Regulation 347/2013, as the project is not considered mature enough to enter into the permit granting process.

The project is not considered mature enough for the following reason:
Article 19 of the Regulation relates to transitional provisions. The second paragraph of Article 19 provides that for projects of common interest in the permit granting process for which a project promoter has submitted an application file before 16th November 2013, the provisions of Chapter III should not apply. An Bord Pleanála, as the competent authority, is still considering whether or not the transitional provisions of Article 19 concerning Chapter III apply to the North-South Interconnector project.

Pending An Bord Pleanála making a decision on whether or not the transitional provisions apply to the project, the project must be regarded as not mature enough to enter into the permit granting process.

An Bord Pleanála will be in further contact with you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,


Kieran Doherty,
Executive Officer.