



Our Ref: PCI001

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

23rd May, 2014

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

Dear Sir,

I refer to An Bord Pleanála's letter of 15th April, 2014.

The Board has made a decision on whether Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No. 347 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2013 applies and a copy of the Board's Direction is enclosed. The Board's decision is that the project would not come under the traditional provisions of Article 19 of the Regulation.

Further to the letter dated 15th April 2014, in which An Bord Pleanála notified you that the project was not considered mature enough to enter into the permit granting process and in view of the decision in respect of Article 19 you may wish to consider notifying An Bord Pleanála, in its role as the Competent Authority, of the project under Article 10(1)(a) of Regulation 347/2013. Please also note that the Board published a Projects of Common Procedures Manual on its website, www.pleanala.ie, on 15th May 2014.

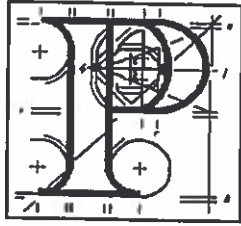
You are reminded that the notification should include a reasonably detailed outline of the project. This outline might include details of the evolution of the project and the project should be adequately described in written and drawing form such that any other relevant State bodies should have sufficient information for the initiation of the permit granting process. You should also detail any other consents that may be required.

If you have any further queries please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Yours faithfully,

Diarmuid Collins
Senior Administrative Officer

An Bord Pleanála



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The submissions on this file and the Inspector's report were considered at a Board meeting held on 21st May 2014.

The Board decided, by a majority of 4:1, and generally in accordance with the Inspector's recommendation, that the North South 400kV interconnector project would not come under the transitional provisions of article 19 of EU Regulation 347/2013.

It is noted that ABP has published a Manual of Procedure pursuant to Article 9(1) of the regulation.

Applicant (Eirgrid) should be advised of this conclusion.

Board Member:


Conall Boland

Date: 22nd May 2014.