

Ms. Rachel Kenny,
Director of Planning,
An Bord Pleanála

4th March, 2016.

Re: Projects of Common Interest (PCI)

Dear Rachel,

I refer to Regulation (EU) NO. 347/2013 concerning Projects of Common Interest.

As you are aware the North-South 400kV Electricity Interconnector project (Ref. VA0017) is a PCI. The PCI Unit duties in relation to PCI involve monitoring compliance with time limits drawn up in close co-operation with the project promoter and the other authorities concerned. An Bord Pleanála (SID) has previously stated that the timescale for the spatial planning decision on the project would take in excess of 12 months but was likely to be closer to 16 months.

We are aware that the commencement date for the oral hearing of the project has been announced.

Having regard to our monitoring responsibilities as the Competent Authority for PCI in Ireland we request an update on the timescale for the decision for this case VA0017.

Yours sincerely,

Diarmuid Collins,
Senior Administrative Officer,
PCI Unit.