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Re: PCI 2.13.1 North-South 400kv Electricity Interconnector

Dear Adam.

I write from An Bord Pleanála, the Competent Authority for Projects of Common Interest in Ireland. I refer to the above named project.

As you are aware Ireland had chosen the collaborative scheme for the coordination of the Comprehensive Decision. I am writing to inform you that the statutory permit granting procedure has now been completed (within the timeframe allowed by Article 10.2 of Regulation (EU) No 347/2013) and the Comprehensive Decision for the above named project has issued on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

We bring this Comprehensive Decision to your notice as it may be the first one.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your colleagues on behalf of An Bord Pleanala for the assistance provided throughout the process, with particular regard to the recent guidance on the Comprehensive Decision document.

For your information I have provided you with a soft copy of the Comprehensive Decision document which we have delivered to the project promoter. The documentation is available on our website <a href="https://www.pleanala.ie">www.pleanala.ie</a>.

Yours sincerely,

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