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To: Des.Cox@Eirgrid.com
Cc: Valerie.Brennan@Eirgrid.com
Subject: RE: Celtic Interconnector Project

Good Morning Des,

Thank you for your email. I will ensure that schedule is finalised quickly.
Regards,
Diarmuid collins.

From: Des.Cox@Eirgrid.com <Des.Cox@Eirgrid.com>
Sent: Thursday 8 April 2021 18:48
To: Diarmuid Collins <D.Collins@pleanala.ie>
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Subject: RE: Celtic Interconnector Project

Good afternoon Diarmuid, many thanks for your email.

Thank you in particular for clarifying your understanding, which we share, that the required consents for the comprehensive decision are those of ABP and the Foreshore Unit, and subsequent authorisations from CRU. I would like to apologise if our previous correspondence to and discussions with the PCI Unit caused confusion in also referencing other licences that will be obtained in constructing the project, but which are not required for the comprehensive submission.

I am also grateful to understand that the PCI Unit has contacted the three authorities for input into the schedule per Article 10.4.(b), and note your conclusion that this process should complete prior to submission of the draft application file.

Apologies also if we did not confirm before now that no Ministerial Consent is required for the project – I had taken a note that we had done so. In any event, I am glad that this matter is now resolved.

Finally, thank you for noting our concern regarding the timelines for the project, it is greatly appreciated.

With best wishes
Des

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From: Diarmuid Collins [<mailto:D.Collins@pleanala.ie>]
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To: Cox, Des
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Subject: RE: Celtic Interconnector Project

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Good Afternoon Des,

Thank you for your email below to which I now refer.

I read from your email that it is now Eirgrid's opinion that only consents from An Bord Pleanála, CRU and the Foreshore Unit are required to determine whether or not Eirgrid is to be granted authorisation to build the energy infrastructure to realise the project. As the project is in the ownership of the project promoter and the details of the project are expertly known to the project promoter, for this project we will proceed on the basis of those consents being the required consents for the comprehensive decision. Having regard to this we have only contacted those particular authorities (ABP, CRU, and Foreshore Unit) for their input into the schedule required under Article 10.4.(b).

I would like to respond to some other points in the email. The North-South 400kv electricity interconnector project, as a PCI administrative process, is not a directly comparable project as only one other consenting authority (An Bord Pleanála SID) was involved in that project. That is not the situation with the Celtic Interconnector project.