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From: Lucy Cradden <lcradden@cru.ie>
Sent: Monday 21 June 2021 11:43
To: Nichola Meehan
Cc: Harry Molloy; Roisin Cullinan
Subject: RE: Celtic Interconnector Project
Attachments: 210621 Ltr from Karen Trant to Nicola Meehan section 48-49 consents.pdf; 210621 Ltr from Karen Trant to Nicola Meehan re Response to draft auth application.pdf

Hi Nichola,

Please find attached the responses to the Draft Application for the Celtic Interconnector relating to the two consents required from the CRU – Authorisation to Construct and Section 48-49 consents.

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
Lucy

From: Nichola Meehan <N.Meehan@pleanala.ie>
Sent: 24 May 2021 10:11
To: Lucy Cradden <lcradden@cru.ie>
Subject: FW: Celtic Interconnector Project

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Hi Lucy,

Valerie Brennan from Eirgrid has been in contact to say that Roisin is on extended leave and may have not received the attached letter and CD with the Draft Application File.

I can send a copy onto you or if there is someone else who I should sent it to can you please advise.

Many thanks

Nichola

From: Nichola Meehan
Sent: Tuesday 4 May 2021 15:11
To: Roisin Cullinan <rcullinan@cru.ie>
Subject: Celtic Interconnector Project

Dear Roisín,

Please find attached a copy of the letter issued to you today in relation to the Celtic Interconnector Draft Application File.

Please note that the last day for a response is 14th June, 2021.

Kind Regards

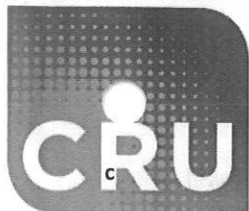
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18th June 2021

CRU Ref: D/21/12177

Dear Ms. Meehan,

Re: PCI0003 (PCI Project 1.6) – Celtic Interconnector Project – Draft Application File

Further to your correspondence of 4th May containing the draft consents application file for the Celtic Interconnector Project (file received in full 24th May), I can provide the following response to EirGrid regarding their draft application for an *Authorisation to Construct an Interconnector*.

The information contained within the draft application under the following categories appears to be broadly sufficient, with necessary updates expected in the final application:

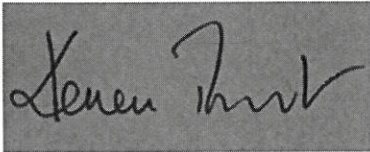
- *Applicant, company, operator and engineering/construction details*
- *Description of location and technical specifications of the interconnector*
- *Compliance with grid safety and security requirements and evidence of connection agreement*
- *Details of current or future planning applications or consents*

In relation to the assessment categories on *financial history and feasibility*, CRU acknowledges that some elements of the required information have been provided as part of other recent regulatory processes. This information will be required to be updated and provided specifically with the final application.

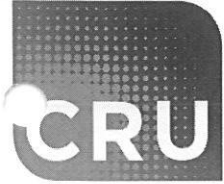
Application question 15 requires the submission of a *construction and commissioning programme*, identifying the major milestones in the project development from authorisation to completion. It is understood that the information given by EirGrid in the draft is current; it is expected that a more detailed and updated schedule will be available at the point of submission of the final application.

The above response has been provided to support the PCI process. An application will only be accepted for assessment where the minimum application requirements have been met. Where they have not been met, the application will be returned, and the applicant will be notified of the areas that were lacking to facilitate a valid resubmission. Following submission of an application, the CRU may request additional information in respect of the application for support or clarification purposes.

Yours sincerely,

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Karen Trant
Director, Energy Networks & Legal



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Reference Number: D/21/13570

Re: Celtic Interconnector Draft Application File

Dear Ms. Meehan,

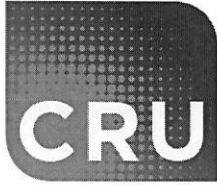
Further to your letter of 4 May 2021, the CRU wishes to provide the following comments on the draft application for Consent under Section 48 and Section 49 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 ("the Act") submitted by EirGrid in relation to Celtic Interconnector.

It is understood that EirGrid do not have an *Authorisation to Construct an Interconnector*. Consent under Section 48 and Section 49 of the Act cannot be granted prior to the receipt of such an authorisation.

It is further understood from the draft application that the applicant does not have planning permission for the development in question. An applicant for consent under Section 48 and Section 49 must possess planning permission (or otherwise declaration of exempted development). Details and evidence of this planning permission (or exemption) must be provided within the application for consent.

Applicants for consent under Section 48 are required to provide evidence that the authority responsible for the public road or railway in which lines will be laid has given permission for the work to take place. With regard to the application in question, consent is required from Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ), in relation to the portion of the cable which crosses railway or tramway.

In addition, under Section 49 applicants are asked to provide evidence of landowner agreements from all affected parties. In instances where landowner consent has not been obtained, the CRU request that applicants submit evidence demonstrating that best efforts have been made to obtain same and that negotiations are no longer ongoing.



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It is also noted that the application in question does not include details on the intended start/end dates for the exercising of consent. It is requested that this information is included. In some instances, it may not be possible to provide exact start and end dates. If this is the case, an estimate for these dates should be used in place.

If you have any further queries on the above or require further clarifications, please contact ConsentApplication@cru.ie.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Trant', is written over a grey rectangular background.

Karen Trant
Director, Energy Networks & Legal
Sent by Email