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Subject: RE: Celt9ic Interconnector Project (PCI)

Dear Diarmuid,

Please find attached the CRU's response to your email of April 7th.

Kind regards,
Lucy

From: Diarmuid Collins <D.Collins@pleanala.ie>
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Good Afternoon,

I refer to the Celtic Interconnector electricity project (PCI Number 1.6).

Article 10. 4.(b) of Regulation (EU) Number 347/2013 provides that the Competent Authority (An Bord Pleanála PCI) shall draw up, in close co-operation with the project promoter and other authorities concerned, and taking into account the results the results of the proposal of the scope of material and level of detail of information to be submitted as part of the application file, a detailed schedule for the

permit granting process in line with the guidelines set out in Annex V1 (2) to that Regulation.

The project promoter (EirGrid) has submitted a basis for a schedule for the permit granting process and I attach a copy. As a relevant other authority concerned, your input/comments on the attached proposed schedule particularly in relation to the applications for consent that relate to your remit are requested. In this regard, please note that Annex VI (2) to the Regulation refers to major milestones to be accomplished and their deadlines and in the context of the PCI comprehensive decision, your comments on those deadlines relevant to your remit are requested.

A response is sought by 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 21st April.

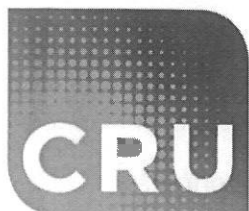
Regards,
Diarmuid Collins,
PCI Unit.

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Dear Mr. Collins,

Re: PCI0003 (PCI Project 1.6) – Celtic Interconnector Project

Thank you for your email of April 7th, enclosing a document provided by the project promoter, EirGrid, relating to the proposed schedule for the permit granting process for the above project. The CRU can provide the following information regarding the duration and timeline of its consents in relation to this project:

1. Authorisation to Construct an Interconnector

The CRU estimated assessment timeline for an Authorisation to Construct an Interconnector is 18 weeks, where a complete application is submitted. This is dependent on the response timelines of the applicant where additional information requests are issued by CRU during the assessment.

The document states that EirGrid intends to submit an application in Q2 2022 and requires the Authorisation to be in place prior to commencing construction in Q4 2022. This would fall within the CRU's estimated timelines. EirGrid also notes in section 4.2.4(d)(iii) of their document that they will have planning permission in place prior to submitting the application.

2. Consent to Lay Electric Cables

Applicants are currently advised to make an application to the CRU two months prior to when they intend to exercise the powers granted under the consent. EirGrid has noted this requirement in their document. They have, however, indicated that they intend to submit the application in Q2 2022, with an expectation that the consent will be in place prior to commencing construction in Q4 2022. This appears to indicate that the process will run in parallel with the Authorisation timeline, but it must be noted that an application for Consent to Lay Electric Cables cannot be submitted until an Authorisation to Construct has been granted.

3. Special Orders

On a previous occasion where Special Orders were required in relation to an interconnector project, it took approximately 6 months to complete the process from application to conclusion.

4. Interconnector Operating Licence

The Licence can be applied for by the holder of an Authorisation to Construct an Interconnector. There is no associated application assessment timeline for this consent. The CRU will engage with the project promoter regarding the timeline for issuance of this licence prior to commencement of operation of the interconnector, as noted by EirGrid in the document. This licence is not required for the construction of the interconnector.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the above further.

Yours sincerely,



Roisin Cullinan
Licensing Manager