



Ann Cunningham,
Forestry Division,
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Date: 9th January, 2019

Re: PCI 1.6 'Celtic Interconnector' Project

Dear Ann,

On 24th December, 2018, EirGrid plc (Project Promoter) notified An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) of the 'Celtic Interconnector' project in accordance with Article 10.1(a) of Regulation (EU) 347/2013.

Article 10.1(a) of the Regulation provides that the notification should include a reasonably detailed outline of the project.

Article 10.1(a) of the Regulation provides that An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) shall, including on behalf of other authorities concerned, acknowledge or, if it considers the project as not mature enough to enter the permit granting process, reject the notification. A three-month period is provided for this. EirGrid plc is of the opinion that the following consent is **potentially** required from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine to realise the project:

- Tree Felling Licence

On the basis that EirGrid states that a consent is potentially required from you, An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) requests a recommendation as to whether the notification should be acknowledged or rejected. The Regulation: Article 10.1 (a) provides that if the project is rejected as not mature enough to enter the permit granting process that a justification for that decision is provided. **A response from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine is requested by Friday 1st March, 2019.**

A softcopy of EirGrid plc letter of notification dated 24th December, 2018, is attached together with softcopy documents which includes the reasonably detailed outline of the project as provided by EirGrid for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Seamus Grant,
Executive Officer,
PCI Unit.