



Joanne Lyons,  
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Custom House,  
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Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

**Re: PCI 1.6 'Celtic Interconnector' Project**

Dear Joanne,

On 24<sup>th</sup> 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 consents are **potentially** required from the Development Applications Unit to realise the project:

- Excavation Licence (Archaeological) (Onshore & Offshore)
- Ministerial Consent for works at / near a National Monument (Onshore & Offshore)
- Detection Device Consent (Archaeological) (Onshore only)
- Dive Survey Licence (Offshore only)

**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 Development Applications Unit is requested by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.**

A softcopy of EirGrid plc letter of notification dated 24<sup>th</sup> 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,



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Seamus Grant,  
Executive Officer,  
PCI Unit.