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Date: 22nd March, 2019

Re: PCI 1.6 'Celtic Interconnector' Project

Dear Sidonie,

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 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 was provided for this.

Accordingly, as Competent Authority we inform you that the project is considered mature enough to enter the Permit Granting Process under Chapter III of EU Regulation No. 347/2013. Please note that the date of signature of this acknowledgement of the notification by the competent authority, March 21st, 2019, shall serve as the start of the permit granting process.

Seamus Grant,
Executive Officer,
PCI Unit.