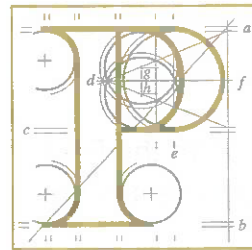


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Mr. Eoghan Tuite,
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21st March, 2019.

Dear Mr. Tuite,

I refer further to your letter of 24th December, 2018 concerning the request for the project known as the Celtic Interconnector Project (France – Ireland interconnection between La Martyre (FR) and Great Island or Knockraha, (IE) 1.6 on Union List) to enter the Permit Granting Process of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013.

Under Article 10.1(a) of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013, not later than three months following the receipt of the notification, An Bord Pleanála, as Competent Authority, shall, including on behalf of other authorities concerned, acknowledge or reject the notification. This letter is the response pursuant to Article 10.1(a).

Accordingly, as Competent Authority we inform you, on behalf of the authorities concerned, that the project is considered mature enough to enter the Permit Granting Process under Chapter III of EU Regulation No. 347/2013 (see Appendix I).

Please note that the date of signature of this acknowledgement of the notification by the competent authority shall serve as the start of the permit granting process. Where two or more Member States are concerned, the date of acceptance of the last notification by the competent authority concerned shall serve as the date of the start of the permit granting process.

You will be aware that as per Article 9(3) of the regulation the project promoter shall, within an indicative period of three months to the start of the permit granting process pursuant to Article 10 (1)(a), draw up and submit a concept for public participation to the competent authority.

We shall inform the French competent authority of the issuing of the acknowledgement of your notification by us as Competent Authority for Ireland.

Yours sincerely,



Seamus Grant,
Executive Officer,
PCI Unit.

Appendix I – Responses by Authorities

Authority Concerned	Consent / Licence	Response from Authority
An Bord Pleanála (Strategic Infrastructure)	Planning Approval	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Commission for Regulation of Utilities	Authorisation to construct an interconnector	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Commission for Regulation of Utilities	Electricity Interconnector Operator Licence	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Cork County Council Building Control	Commencement Notice	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Cork County Council	Road Opening Licence	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Department of Agriculture	Tree Felling Licence	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Minister for Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht	Excavation Licence	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Minister for Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht	National Monuments	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Minister for Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht	Detection Device Consent	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Cork County Council	Trade Effluent Discharge Licence	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Cork County Council	Certificate of Registration	The project is mature enough to enter the

		process.
Cork County Council Building Control	Fire Safety Cert	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Cork County Council	DAC	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Environmental Protection Agency	Waste Disposal	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government	Foreshore Lease	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Environmental Protection Agency	Dumping at Sea Permit	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment	Consent for works under the Continental Shelf Act	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Minister for Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht	Excavation Licence (Archaeological)	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Minister for Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht	Dive Survey Licence	The project is mature enough to enter the process.
Minister for Culture, Heritage & Gaeltacht	National Monuments	The project is mature enough to enter the process.