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Date: 29 April 2021

Your Ref.: PCI0003

Our Ref. Celtic Interconnector Project

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Re: Cover Letter for Celtic Interconnector PCI Draft Application File

Dear Diarmuid,

In accordance with Article 10(4) of the TEN-E Regulation, we herein submit our Draft Application File (DAF) for the Irish elements of the Celtic Interconnector Project (Your Ref. PCI0003).

This application is being submitted following receipt of written confirmation from the Competent Authority (CA), dated 29 March 2021, that the process of scoping the application file is complete (Article 10(4)(a) of the TEN-E Regulation), and following receipt of written confirmation from the CA, dated 28 April 2021, that the process of drawing up a schedule for the permit granting process is complete (Article 10(4)(b) of the Regulation).

The procedural requirements of the TEN-E Regulation are specifically addressed in the Volume 0 PCI Process Overview Report. Please refer to this document which addresses each of the requirements of the Regulation in the context of Section 4.2.2 of An Bord Pleanála's PCI Manual.

As required by the Board, please find enclosed 18 no. electronic copies of the Draft Application File (DAF). For your convenience, the contents of the DAF are set out in the table below. As separately agreed, the DAF is being provided in machine readable format (more specifically, in DVD format).

We trust that this DAF is in order and we await your decision in terms of the completeness of the file in due course. Please contact the undersigned with any queries you may have in respect of the submission.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Des Cox".

Des Cox
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Content of the Draft Application File

Consents	Volumes	No.	Contents
1. Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) Application:	Volume 1	1A	Statutory Particulars
		1B	Planning Drawings
	Volume 2	2A	Planning Report
		2B	Public and Landowner Consultation Report
	Volume 3	3A	Non-Technical Summary (NTS) for Ireland Onshore**
		3C	Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) for Ireland Onshore**
	Volume 4		Environmental Report for UK Offshore* ^{and} **
	Volume 5		Joint Environmental Report (JER)
	Volume 6	6A	Onshore Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for Ireland (including in-combination effects) **
	2. Foreshore Licence Application:	Volume 3	3B
3D			EIAR for Ireland Offshore*
Volume 4			Environmental Report for UK Offshore* ^{and} **
Volume 5			Joint Environmental Report (JER)
Volume 6		6B	Offshore NIS for Ireland (including in-combination effects)*
Volume 7		7A	Statutory Particulars
		7B	Foreshore Licence Drawings
Volume 8		8A	Planning and Consultation Report
		8B	Marine Strategy Framework Directive Assessment
		8C	Water Framework Directive Assessment
3. CRU Consent Applications:	Volume 9	9A	Draft Application Form under Section 16(1)(b) of the 1999 Act for Authorisation to Construct an Interconnector
			Draft Application under Section 48 of the 1999 Act for Consent to Lay Electric Cables Applications
		9B	Draft Application under Section 49 of the 1999 Act for Consent to Lay Electric Cables Applications
Notes:			
* This is proposed to be submitted as part of the SID Application for information purposes.			
** This is proposed to be submitted as part of the Foreshore Licence Application for information purposes.			



