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Good Afternoon Nicola,
For file.
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From: Diarmuid Collins
Sent: Monday 29 March 2021 16:00
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Good Afternoon Valerie,

I refer to the scoping proposal submitted by EirGrid, under Article 10.4. (a) of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013 in relation to the scope of material and level of detail of information to be submitted as part of the application file. I attach a copy of correspondence dated 23rd March, 2021 received from the CRU in response to your letter and appendices of 12th March. With the circulation of this letter to you, you have now received copies of all the replies received from other authorities concerned. These replies were from: CRU, An Bord Pleanála(SID) and the Dept AFM. It should be noted that not all authorities concerned replied. Having regard to the content of the responses, An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) acting in close co-operation with the other authorities concerned informs you that the scope of material and level of detail of information proposed is acceptable and satisfies the requirements of the Article.

In relation to Article 10. 4 (b) and the detailed schedule for the permit granting process, which is to be drawn up in close co-operation with you and the other authorities concerned, I refer to the information submitted by you on 18th March. Your Proposed Schedule relating to the National process refers on page 5 to the structure of the document and the document addresses the consents required for SID, Foreshore and CRU consenting. Apart from listing other consents required in Table 1.2, I do not see any details for those consents, which should be in line with the guidelines set out in Annex V1(2) to the Regulation. Also, in relation to Table 1.2, your letter of 27th November, 2020 which gave an updated list of possible consents required referred on page 4 to a Ministerial consent in relation to the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. That consent is not listed in the

Table. Please address the matter of detail for all consents required and clarify the position in relation to a possible consent concerning the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

When the above matters have been addressed we, as Competent Authority, will be able to further progress the detailed schedule for the permit granting process in close co-operation with the authorities concerned.

In your email of 26th March, Eirgrid stated that it is ready to submit the DAF. Please refer to page 24 of the Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures for a flowchart of the Pre-Application Procedure Overview in this regard. Pending finalisation of the detailed schedule for the permit granting process, any submission of the draft application file would be pre-mature.

Regards,
Diarmuid Collins,
PCI Unit.