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Hi Sorcha,

Please put a hard copy of these on the file.
Regards,
Diarmuid Collins.

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Dear Diarmuid,

Many thanks for your time and very helpful feedback today.

Please find attached a copy of the slides that we discussed.

We will work on some of the key actions arising notably:

1. Preparing a letter setting out a joint schedule proposal for all 3 jurisdictions (similar to the timelines slide - slide 9 of 12).
2. Preparing a document setting out in more detail the proposed scope of the application in Ireland (based on the proposed scope slides 7-8 of 12).

If I have forgotten to mention any key points arising from your perspective, please do let me know.

Many thanks again and best regards,

Valerie.

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**Pre-Application Phase
Consultation Meeting
17th November 2020, MS Teams**



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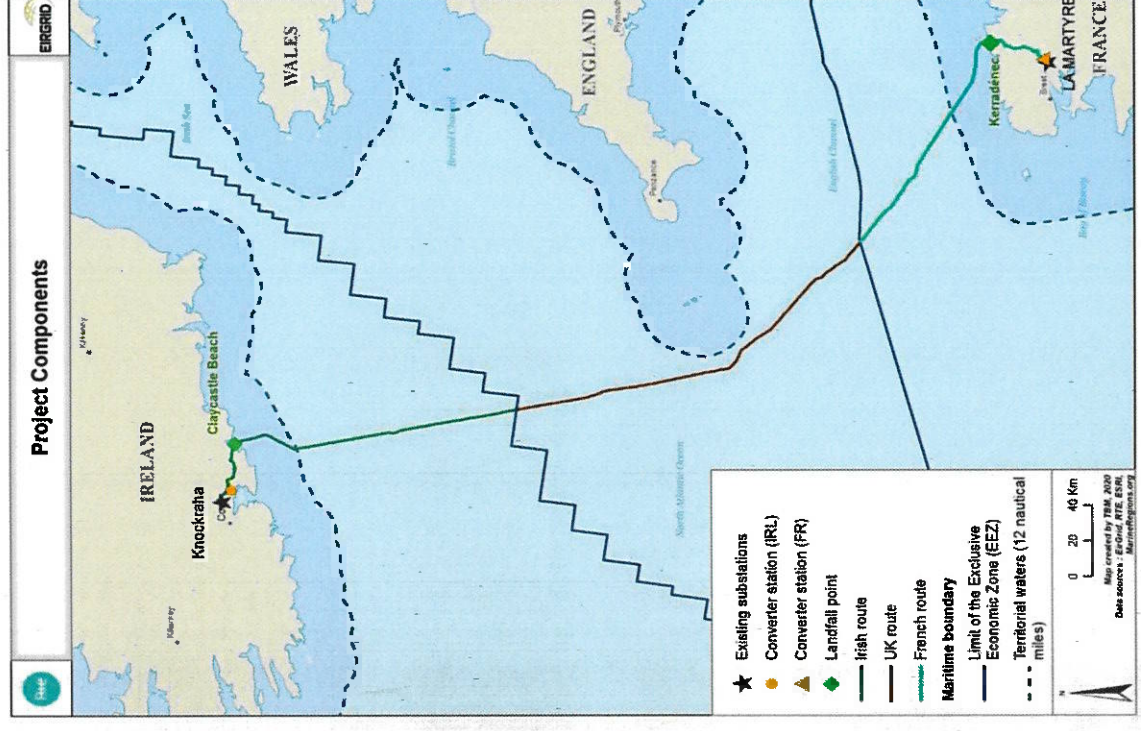
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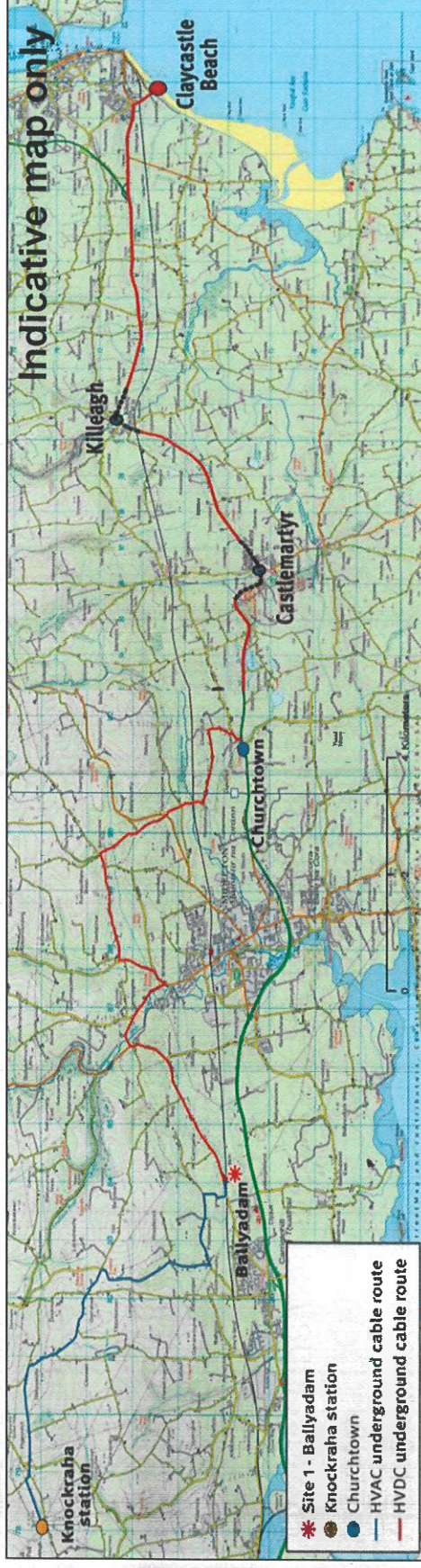
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Agenda

1. Ireland specific project updates
2. Consultation update - Ireland
3. Key project updates in UK and France
4. TEN-E Regulation progress to date
5. Prospective Scope of Draft Application File in Ireland
6. Possible alignment of PCI timeline across all 3 jurisdictions
7. Matters for discussion
8. Next PCI related steps and timelines
9. Questions and answers



Ireland Specific Project Update



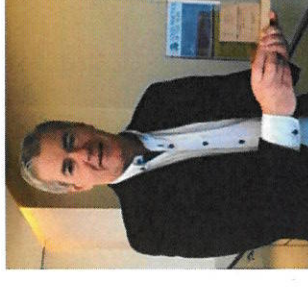
- We met the SID unit on 3rd November - they are happy for us to take an options approach to the cable route – this will likely be required at Killeagh & Castlemartyr on the HVDC route and close to Ballyadam on the HVAC route.
- Plan to announce that the Converter Station will be located at Ballyadam via the publication of the Step 4B Report on 23rd November. IDA agreements are progressing.
- Foreshore Unit: Numerous meetings held. EIA Screening Statement on submitted 17th September and EIA Scoping Report submitted on 15th October.
- Discussions with DECC on Ministerial Consent requirements for Irish EEZ ongoing.
- As no deliberate disposal, EPA advised that Dumping at Sea Permit is not required.

Consultation Update - Ireland

- You wrote to us on 6th July to confirm that the Concept for Public Participation submitted to you on 24th April was approved.
- Engagement with all approximately 73 relevant landowners required to realise the onshore project in Ireland is well progressed.
- As part of ongoing wider public communications we held online webinars in Ireland via Zoom on 5th and 6th August. These were well attended.
- On 29th October, EirGrid won the 2020 Renewables Grid Initiative Good Practice of the Year Award for Communication & Engagement for the Celtic Interconnector Project (<https://renewables-grid.eu/>). It was awarded on the strength of the consultation and engagement approach undertaken to date including the use of innovative tools such as digital 3D images.
- Engagement is intensifying this week once again in advance of Step 4B Report publication. Additional communication will include the publication of a brochure, press adverts and website updates.



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Key project updates in UK and France

UK update:

- We have a Draft Schedule of the Permit Granting Process in place with the MMO that is regularly updated (Ref. Article 10(4)(b) of TEN-E Regulation).
- We advised the MMO of legal risks arising if whole project approach isn't taken to Celtic on 8th June – they are happy to be consultees re: UK EIAR.
- We submitted a formal EIA Screening Request to the MMO on 4th November – we expect they will determine that an Environmental Report V an EIAR for the UK is required for their specific purpose.
- We submitted Draft Consultation Report for UK to MMO on 28th September and await receipt of feedback.
- We submitted Draft Joint Environmental Report (JER) to MMO on 5th October and feedback received has been incorporated into the JER.

France update:

- French files are being submitted to all relevant French consenting authorities by 30th November.
- JER is being updated in French by 30th November.

TEN-E Regulation Progress to Date

Ref.	Specific Requirement	Status
Article 9(7)	Establish and regularly update a website with information about the PCI, linked to the Commission website	Completed Jan 2019
Article 9(3)	Within 3 months of Article 10(1)(a), submit Concept of Public Participation (CPP) to 3 CAs in line with Annex VI	Completed June 2020
Article 9(4) & 9(5)	Carry out at least 1 public consultation within no more than 2 months in each Member State concerned	Completed Aug 2020
Article 10(1)(a)	Submit Notification Document to all 3 Competent Authorities (CAs)	Completed Jan 2020
Article 10(4)(a)	The CA shall identify, in close cooperation with other CAs, the scope of material & level of detail to be submitted	Ongoing
Article 10(4)(b)	The CA shall draw up, in close cooperation with project promoters & other authorities concerned a detailed schedule of the permit granting process in line with Annex VI.(2)	Ongoing
Article 10(4)(c)	The Draft Application File (DAF) shall be submitted to the relevant CAs and upon receipt of same the relevant CA shall request any additional information that is required	Ongoing

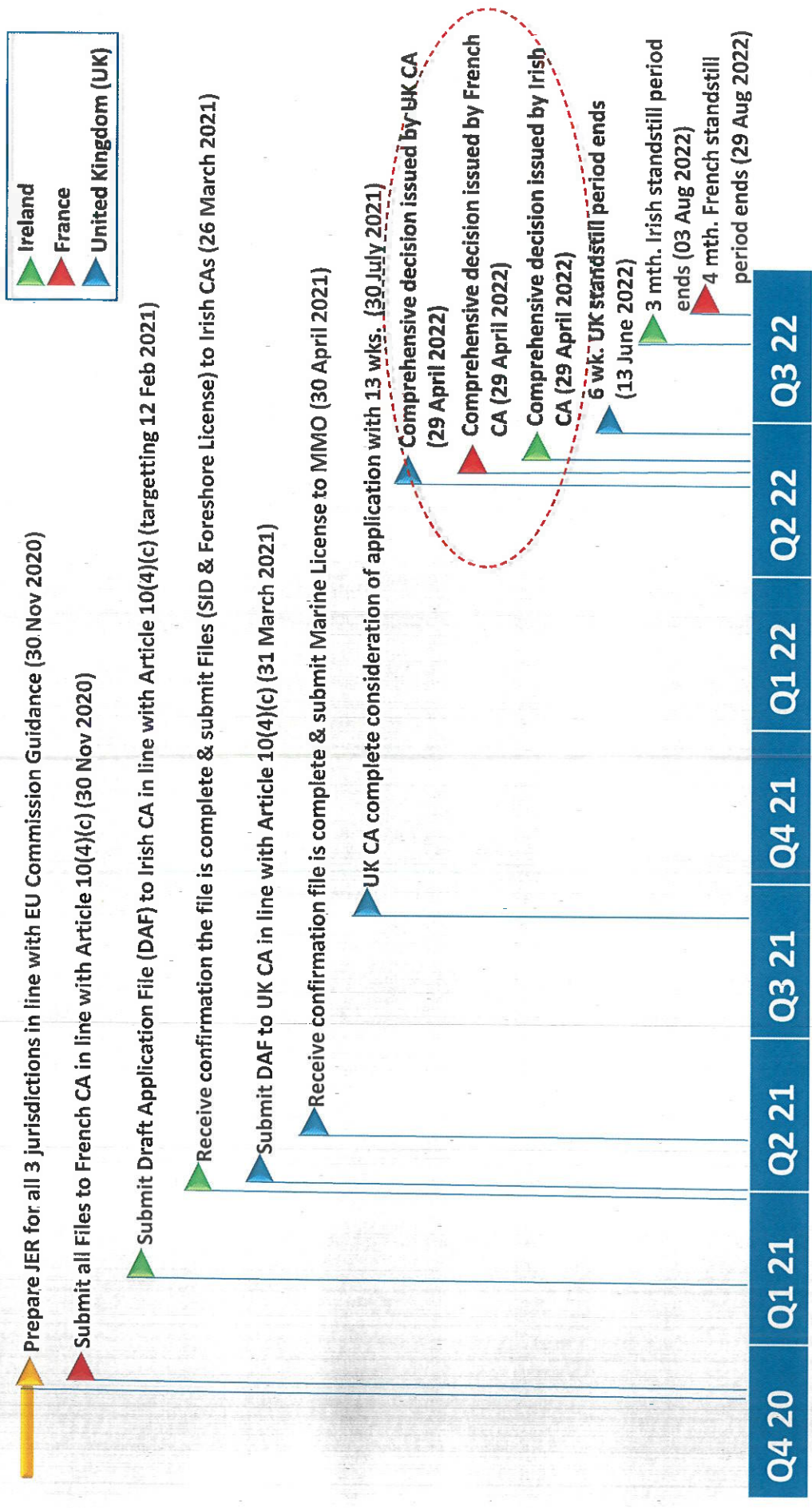
Article 10(4)(a): Prospective Scope of Draft Application File in Ireland (1-3)

Volume	Ref.	Item
		Covering Letter
1. Statutory Particulars	V. 1A	Statutory particulars (Form & Schedules)
	V. 1B	Planning Drawings
2. Reports	V. 2A	Planning Report (incl. Social Impact Assessment)
	V. 2B	Public & Landowner Consultation Report
3. Multi-Volume EIAR	V. 3A	NTS (Merged Ireland Onshore & Ireland Offshore)
	V. 3B	Common EIAR Chapters
	V. 3C	Ireland Onshore EIAR (incl. NTS & Append.)
	V. 3D1	Ireland Offshore (incl. NTS & Append.)
	V. 3D2	UK Offshore (incl. NTS & Append.)
	V. 3E	France Onshore & Offshore NTS

Article 10(4)(a): Prospective Scope of Draft Application File in Ireland (4-7)

Volume	Ref.	Item
4. Multi-Section NIS	S. 4A	NIS for Ireland Onshore
	S. 4B	NIS for Ireland Offshore
	S. 4C	HRA for UK Offshore
	S. 4D	HRA for France
	S. 4E	Merged NIS
5. Joint Env. Rep. (JER)	V. 5	JER
6. Foreshore Licence	V. 6A	Statutory particulars (Form & Schedules)
	V. 6B	Drawings
7. Foreshore Reports	V. 7A	Planning and Consultation Report
	V. 7B	Marine Strategy Framework Directive Assessment
	V. 7C	Water Framework Directive (WFD) Assessment

Article 10(4)(b): Possible Alignment of PCI Timelines across 3 jurisdictions



Matters for Discussion

- We propose to follow the legal advice we have received regarding the whole project approach that should be taken to the EIAR.
- We propose to closely follow what was submitted for North South => submit a multi-volume cross jurisdictional EIAR.
- We understand that the MMO will be a consultee to ABP with respect to the UK EIAR that is submitted as part of the DAF.
- Programme is critical - we hope to submit the DAF to ABP by mid-February 2021 and the file by the end of March 2021 (awareness of MPDM timeline).
- We would appreciate if all 3 jurisdictions could collaborate and agree to issue the comprehensive decision by no later than April 2022 – this is the latest possible date possible from a funding and EPC contract perspective.

Near-term Next PCI Related Steps & Timelines

- Landowner and community consultation: **Ongoing (includes publication of Step 4B Report on 23rd November 2020)**
- Completion of JER: **To be submitted to French CA by 30th Nov. 2020**
- Preparation work on all consenting Applications: **Ongoing**
- Hold project promoters + 3 Competent Authorities call: **To be discussed**
- Article 10(4)(a) - Agree Scope of Application with ABP: **January 2021**
- Article 10(4)(b) - Submission proposed Schedule of Permit Granting Process to ABP: **January 2021**
- Article 10(4)(c) - Submission of Draft Application File to ABP: **Mid-February 2021**
- Submission of final File to ABP: **Targeting end of March 2021**

Questions & Answers



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