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**Subject:** Celtic Interconnector Project

Good Afternoon Valerie,

I refer to my email of 22<sup>nd</sup> April. An Bord Pleanála, as competent authority under Article 10. 4 of Regulation (EU) 347/2013, has been in contact with the French competent authority in relation to the joint schedule in which we shall endeavour to align our timetables. We have also been in contact with the UK competent authority. Following those contacts, we now regard the permit granting process for this project to have reached the stage where you as project promoter may wish to proceed to submit the draft application file.

Regards,  
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**From:** Diarmuid Collins  
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Good Afternoon Valerie,

I refer to your email dated 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 and email of 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 enclosing a proposed schedule for the permit granting process. As Competent Authority we have been in contact with the other authorities concerned to ensure close co-operation in drawing up the schedule. For your information, I attach the responses received from those authorities: CRU, Foreshore Unit and An Bord Pleanála (SID).

In relation indicative timelines, as Competent Authority, we note that Table 2.1: TEN-E Regulation Progress to Date and Indicative Timelines, as updated by your email of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021, provides for the DAF being submitted to the Irish Competent Authority in April 2021, any "additional" information that is required having an indicative timeline of June 2021 and the acceptance of the submitted application file having an indicative timeline of June 2021. If we understand those indicative timelines as intending the process of the DAF being submitted, examined by the

other authorities concerned for any missing information, any missing information being submitted, and any missing information being checked all being completed within that period, we are of the view that the project promoter may not be allowing enough time for that process. However, we note that the schedule is to be in line with the guidelines set out in Annex VI which refers to the deadlines being seen in the view of the comprehensive decision to be taken.

As Competent Authority we consider that the proposed schedule submitted by you, taken with the responses from the other authorities concerned and our comment on any possible missing information process completes the requirements of Article 10.4 of the Regulation in relation to the schedule.

We will shortly be in contact with you in relation to the joint schedule, referred to in Article 10.4 which will endeavour to align the timetables of the competent authorities of the Member States.

Regards,  
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