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**Subject:** Celtic Interconnector Project  
**Attachments:** 210223 - CRU response to PCI re CELTIC response Feb 21.pdf

Good Afternoon Valerie,

I refer to your scoping proposal submitted in relation to the Celtic Interconnector project. I attach a copy of a further response dated 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 received from the CRU. In relation to your proposal and the attached response, please note that under Article 10.4. (a) the PCI Unit, as Competent Authority, shall identify in close co-operation with the other authorities concerned, and where appropriate on the basis of a proposal, the scope of material and level of detail of information to be submitted. As matters currently stand the PCI Unit, as Competent Authority, acting in close co-operation with the authorities concerned is not in a position to identify the scope of material/level of detail to be submitted. It is matter for EirGrid to address the areas of concern still outstanding.

I also wish to refer to two related matters:

1. Article 10.4.(b) of the Regulation relates to the drawing up of a detailed schedule for the permit granting process and I refer to the Checklist contained in section 4.2.2 of the PCI Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures. The PCI Unit considers that more clarity is needed for itself and the authorities concerned in relation to a Schedule of permits/consents required (and timelines) to realise the project and that the Schedule should also give details in relation to permits/consents relevant to France and the UK. Please forward such a schedule as part of this pre-application procedure. It would be useful if such a Schedule was provided as a stand-alone document.
2. In relation to a joint Schedule (Article 10.4.(b) of the Regulation) to enable the Competent Authorities in the Member States concerned to endeavour to align their timetables, the PCI Unit wishes to have such details presented to the relevant Competent Authorities in written format and perhaps also as a presentation should that be considered necessary. Please forward such a Schedule as part of this pre-application procedure. Again, it would be useful if such a Schedule was provided as a stand-alone document.

Regards,  
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