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Subject: Clarification regarding Proposed Scope of the Application for Celtic PCI0003
Attachments: PCI0003 Celtic Interconnector Clarification Re Project Scope Letter_100221_F01.pdf

Dear Diarmuid,

Please find attached a matter of clarification that we wish to make regarding the Proposed Scope of the Application for the Celtic Interconnector Project (PCI Project 1.6 / Your Ref. PCI0003).

We would appreciate if you can please acknowledge receipt of this correspondence and please do not hesitate to contact me should there be any further clarifications required. (I hope that the attached electronic copy of this particular correspondence will suffice for your purpose, however, please do advise if that is not the case.)

Thanking you very much in advance,

Yours sincerely,



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Date: 10 February 2021

Your Ref.: **PCI0003 (PCI Project 1.6)**

Our Ref.: Celtic Interconnector Project

Re: Clarification in Respect of Proposed Project Scope of the Application Document

Dear Diarmuid,

We wish to clarify a matter in respect of the Proposed Project Scope Document for the Celtic Interconnector Project (An Bord Pleanála Ref. PCI0003). This clarification arises from a pre-application consultation meeting that we held with Roisin Cullinan, Licensing Regulatory Manager of the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU) on 27 January 2021. Following this meeting, EirGrid had a separate meeting with a representative of the Energy Networks Section of CRU on 09 February 2021.

For the avoidance of doubt, we wish to clarify that relevant CRU consent applications will be included in the Draft Application File, and ultimately the final Application File. Specifically, we propose to include a Draft Application for Authorisation to Construct an Interconnector (Section 16(1)(b) of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 (as amended)) and a Draft Application for Consent to Lay Electric Cables (Section 48 and 49 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999).

To facilitate clarity in this matter this, we propose to include an additional Volume 9 as part of the Draft Application File and final Application File.

It is acknowledged by the representatives from CRU that, under current Regulatory process, these draft applications cannot be finalised until other relevant permits and consents are in place – most notably the Strategic Infrastructure Development (SID) and Foreshore Licence consents. However, in respect of the Celtic Interconnector PCI, this matter can best be coordinated by way of the PCI process.

The table below clarifies this matter in the context of the Proposed Structure of the PCI Draft Application File (Ref. Table 2.1 as contained on page 8 of the Proposed Scope of the Application document).

We trust that this this clarification can be taken into consideration by the PCI Unit as it prepares its advice in respect of the Proposed Scope of the Draft Application File.

We hope that it will be possible for the PCI Unit of An Bord Pleanála to revert to us formally in relation to the Proposed Scope of the Application document at the earliest possible opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



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Proposed Structure of the PCI Draft Application File with Additional Volume 9 Containing CRU Consent Applications

SID Planning Application:		
Volumes		Details
Volume 1	Volume 1A	Statutory Particulars
	Volume 1B	Planning Drawings
Volume 2	Volume 2A	Planning Report
	Volume 2B	Public and Landowner Consultation Report
Volume 3	Volume 3A	Non-Technical Summary of EIAR for Ireland
	Volume 3B	Common Chapters of EIAR for Ireland
	Volume 3C	EIAR for Ireland Onshore
	Volume 3D	EIAR for Ireland Offshore
Volume 4	Volume 4	Environmental Report for UK Offshore
Volume 5	Volume 5	Joint Environmental Report (JER)
Volume 6	Volume 6	Natura Impact Statement (NIS) for Ireland
Foreshore Licence Application:		
Volume 7	Volume 7A	Statutory Particulars
	Volume 7B	Drawings
Volume 8	Volume 8A	Planning and Consultation Report (incl. appendices)
	Volume 8B	Marine Strategy Framework Directive Assessment
	Volume 8C	Water Framework Directive Assessment
CRU Consent Applications:		
Volume 9	Volume 9A	Draft Authorisation to Construction Application
	Volume 9B	Draft Consent to Lay Electric Cables Application

