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14th February, 2019

Re: PCI 1.6 "Celtic Interconnector" Project

Dear Seamus,

I refer to your letter of 9th January, with reference to the above project promoted by EirGrid plc.

I would like to advise you that I have met with EirGrid representatives to discuss the project. They set out their plans and the options under consideration for the various elements of the project.

I have advised EirGrid that in their capacity as a public authority, they are not required to obtain a tree felling licence. This is provided for in s. 19(a)(e) of the Forestry Act, 2014. I have also advised that in order to enjoy this exemption, lands must be in their ownership before any tree felling commences.

On this basis and notwithstanding any other consents required from any other authorities, I therefore recommend the notification should be acknowledged by An Bord Pleanála.

Sincerely,

Ann Cunningham
Asst. Principal Officer
Forestry Division

