**Our Ref: PCI 0004**

**Mr. Simon Ludlum,**

**Project Director,**

**Greenlink Interconnector Ltd,**

**c/o Mason Hayes & Curran Ltd,**

**South Bank House,**

**Barrow Street,**

**Dublin 4.**

**Date: 16th July 2019**

Dear Mr. Ludlum,

I refer further to your letter of 22nd May, 2019 concerning the request for the project known as the Greenlink Interconnector Project to enter the Permit Granting Process of Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013.

Under Article 10.1(a) of the Regulation (EU) No. 347/2013, not later than three months following the receipt of the notification, An Bord Pleanála, as Competent Authority, shall, including on behalf of other authorities concerned, acknowledge or reject the notification. This letter is the response pursuant to Article 10.1(a).

Accordingly, as Competent Authority we inform you, on behalf of the authorities concerned, that the project is considered mature enough to enter the Permit Granting Process under Chapter III of EU Regulation No. 347/2013 (see Appendix I).

Please note that the date of signature of this acknowledgement of the notification by the competent authority shall serve as the start of the permit granting process. Where two or more Member States are concernted, the date of acceptance of the last notification by the competent authority concerned shall serve as the date of the start of the permit granting process.

You will be aware that as per Article 9(3) of the regulation the project promoter shall, within an indicative period of three months to the start of the permit granting process pursuant to Article 10(1)(a), draw up and submit a concept for public participation to the competent authority.

We shall inform the Welsh competent authority of the issuing of the acknowledgement of your notification by us as Competent Authority for Ireland.

Attached our copies of the responses received from An Bord Pleanála, CRU and Dept of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

Yours sincerely,

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Sorcha Skelly

Executive Officer

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