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**Y35 AP90**

**20th March 2020**

**Our Ref: PCI 0004**

Dear Matthew,

I refer to PCI Project 1.9.1, the Greenlink (Ireland-Wales Interconnector) Project.

As you are aware, the project was admitted into the permit-granting process on 16th July 2019. The concept for public participation was modified by letter dated 9th December 2019.

The next steps in the PCI process are under Article 10.4(a) and (b) of EU Regulation 347/2013.

**Scope of Material/Level of Detail**

Article 10.4(a) of the Regulation provides that the Competent Authority (CA) shall identify, in close co-operation with the other authorities concerned, the scope of material and level of detail of information to be submitted by the project promoter as part of the application file.

The Regulation provides that this may be done on the basis of a proposal by the project promotor. Our Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures (page 20) states that we, as CA, will generally proceed by seeking such a proposal.

The project promoter (Greenlink) has submitted such a proposal (refer to emails of 17th February attached).

For the purposes of this identification, Article 10.4 (a) refers you to the checklist in Annex VI (1)(e). Please refer to page 21 of our Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures in relation to this.

**Detailed Schedule**

Article 10.4(b) provides that the CA shall draw up, in close co-operation with the project promoter and other authorities concerned and taking into account the results of the activities carried out under point (a), a detailed schedule for the permit granting process in line with the guidelines set out in Annex VI(2).

A copy of Annex VI is attached for your convenience.

The Project Promoter has submitted an input into the detailed schedule (refer to emails of 17th February 2020 attached)

You are now being asked as an authority concerned, for your input into these steps i.e. the scope of material/level of detail and the detailed schedule for the process.

In relation to the matter of the detailed schedule, you are requested to identify the duration of each stage of the procedure relevant to your body’s area of responsibility. The timelines envisaged by you shall be clear for the project promoter and us as CA to understand.

Note that you are only being asked for a response to these matters for which you will be considering a consent/permit.

Your response to both is requested within 8 weeks of the date of this letter i.e. by **15th May 2020**. Should you have any query about the content of the attached emails or need clarification on any matters contained in the emails, please feel free to contact Greenlink (Paul Hickey) directly on this number 0872440898. However, your response should be directed to myself in An Bord Pleanála (CA).

Yours Sincerely,

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