

Our Ref: PCI 0004

Ms. Heledd Cressey,
Division for Decarbonisation of Energy Department
For Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CR10 3NQ

16th July 2019

Re: PCI 1.9.1 'Greenlink' Project

Dear Ms. Cressey,

On May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019, Greenlink Interconnector Limited (Project Promoter) notified An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) of the 'Greenlink' project in accordance with Article 10.1(a) of Regulation (EU) 347/2013.

Article 10.1(a) of the Regulation provides that An Bord Pleanála (Competent Authority) shall, including on behalf of other authorities concerned, acknowledge or, if it considers the project as not mature enough to enter the permit granting process, reject the notification. A three month period was provided for this.

Accordingly, as Competent Authority we inform you that the project is considered mature enough to enter the Permit Granting Process under Chapter III of the EU Regulation No. 347/213. Please note that the date of signature of this acknowledgment of the notification by the competent authority, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, shall serve as the start of the permit granting process.

Yours sincerely,

Sorcha Skelly Executive Officer

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