

Reirk Energy Limited

Lissarda Business Park, Lissarda, Co. Cork

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An Board Pleanála
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Planning Authority Reference: EC60/20

5th May 2021

Re: Section 5 Declaration whether the underground electricity cable grid connections is or is not development and is or is not exempted development. Mauricetown Windfarm, Glenduff, Darrery, Coolnanoglagh, Ballagh, Co. Limerick

Dear Ms. Ledwith,

I refer to the above matter and to your letter dated the 8th April 2021 to Reirk Energy Limited.

Please see below our submissions on the points raised in the referral enclosed with your letter.

Whether the provision of:

1. The underground electricity cable grid connections and associated works from the Mauricetown Wind Farm 38kv Substation to the Tullylease 38Kv Substation in County Limerick is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

Reirk Submission:

These works are not a matter for Reirk Energy Limited.

2. The underground electricity cable grid connections and associated works from the Tullylease 38 kV Substation to the electricity cable grid connection which runs from the Dromdeveen Windfarm 38kV substation to the Glenlara 110kv Substation in County Cork, as far as the Limerick County/Cork County border at Glashawee River is or is not exempted development.

Reirk Submission:

These works are not a matter for Reirk Energy Limited.

3. The underground electricity cable grid connections and associated works from the Dromdeeveen Wind Farm 38kv Substation to the Glenlara 110kv Substation in County Cork as far as the Limerick County/Cork County border at the Glashawee River is or is not development and is or is not exempted development.

Reirk Submission

The underground electricity cable connecting the Dromdeeveen 38kV Substation to the Glenlara 110kv Substation been in situ and energised since 2011. It is an ESB Networks asset and is an integral part of the ESB distribution network.

The underground cabling works were classed as exempted development under Class 26 Schedule 2 Part I of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended. The works were carried out in consultation with Limerick County Council as part of the planning compliance for planning permission 04/2722.

Planning condition 17 of planning permission 04/2722 provides as follows:

“No development shall take place until permission has been granted for *a transmission line* onto the national grid. This grant of permission shall not infer that planning permission shall necessarily be granted for same.”

By letter dated the 23rd December 2009 Reirk Energy Limited confirmed to Limerick County Council that:

“a **transmission line is not being used** for connection to the National Grid. An underground 38kv line has been agreed with ESB Networks from the development”.

As a **transmission line** was not being used, the planning requirement contained in Condition 17 of planning permission 04/2722 was no longer relevant as the works were exempted development in accordance with Class 26 Schedule 2 Part I of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended.

By letter dated the 28th January 2010 Limerick County Council requested that Reirk Energy Limited provide them with drawings of the underground cable route. Reirk Energy Limited's planning compliance submission to Limerick County Council dated 22nd September 2010 included a drawing detailing the route of the underground cable.

Yours sincerely,


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