

Statement for Northern Sound – 11 March 2009

EirGrid believes it is necessary to take this case to protect the interests of everyone, including the electricity consumer. The case will be heard in the Commercial Court and no date has been set as yet.

EirGrid plans its infrastructural developments taking into account a large number of factors including impact on communities, visual impact, cultural heritage and impacts on flora and fauna. In planning our projects, we aim to minimise all possible impacts.

The major investment in electricity infrastructure proposed for Monaghan, Meath and Cavan will deliver tangible benefits to all electricity customers on the island of Ireland and is vital in ensuring EirGrid meets the Government's 40 per cent target for renewable energy. It will also ensure the provision of secure electricity supplies, encourage competition in the market, help regional development and create employment.