



## PROPOSED LAOIS – KILKENNY REINFORCEMENT PROJECT PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON EMERGING PREFERRED SUBSTATION SITE AND ROUTE CORRIDOR

EirGrid is the state-owned independent electricity Transmission System Operator and Market Operator in Ireland. EirGrid's role is to operate, plan and develop the grid to provide customers throughout the country with a safe, secure, reliable, economic and efficient supply of electricity. It is in this capacity that EirGrid are proposing the Laois-Kilkenny electricity reinforcement scheme.

This reinforcement will ensure that both security of supply and quality of supply are maintained to the overall region, ensuring that both existing and future customers can be adequately catered for.

The proposed new transmission infrastructure will consist of the following:

- A 400/110 kV substation situated to the south east of Portlaoise, County Laois, including necessary connections from the existing overhead lines.
- A 110 kV substation extension located adjacent to the existing 38 kV electricity substation at Ballyragget, County Kilkenny.
- A 110 kV circuit between the proposed 400/110 kV substation and the proposed 110 kV substation.
- A change in operational voltage of the existing Ballyragget-Kilkenny line from 38 kV to 110 kV

Notice was given in this paper in October 2009 and June 2010, seeking public input regarding the identification of constraints within the overall project study area. Since then, an emerging preferred location for the 400/110 kV substation in Laois has been identified as well as an emerging preferred route corridor for the 110 kV circuit. A report outlining these findings is available to download from our project website. Copies are also available by post.

We are now inviting members of the public to view the emerging preferences and make any submissions, comments, information or queries in relation to them. Feedback can be submitted by email, letter or phone and also in person on the occasions outlined below. All submissions should be received by EirGrid by close of business on Friday 24th June 2011.

Additionally a public information day, where the map will also be displayed, will take place in

- **The River Court Hotel, Kilkenny on Thursday 9th June 2011 between 10am-7pm**
- **The Heritage Hotel , Portlaoise on Friday 10th June 2011 between 10am-7pm.**

All information collected will assist in the site selection and route corridor confirmation process. Should you wish to submit any information or have any questions in relation to the project please contact us through any of the communication channels below.

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