



CLASHAVOON-DUNMANWAY Project

Including: Rusheen, Carrigadrohid, Canovee, Lissarda,
Teerelton, Kilmichael, Cappeen & Dunmanway





Clashavoon - Dunmanway Project

About EirGrid

EirGrid, a state-owned company, is the national operator of the electricity grid.

The National Grid is an interconnected network of high voltage power lines and cables, the equivalent of the main roads, dual carriageways and motorways of the road network.

EirGrid's role is to operate, plan and develop the grid to provide customers throughout the country - from rural areas, to homes, business parks, hospitals and sports fields - with a safe, secure, reliable and efficient electricity supply.

EirGrid have developed a strategy called Grid25 to deliver the development of Ireland's electricity Grid for a Sustainable and Competitive Future

What is proposed?

A new 110 kV electricity circuit is proposed to connect to the existing Clashavoon electricity substation, which is located north east of Macroom Co. Cork, and the existing Dunmanway electricity substation located on the outskirts of Dunmanway Co. Cork. The proposed new circuit will be of similar construction to the existing Dunmanway Macroom line shown in the fig.1 below.

Why is this needed?

The proposed development is required to remedy two identified transmission network problems in South West Cork.

• Increase security of electricity supply

Currently the electricity supply in South West Cork is maintained by two 110 kV transmission lines, the Dunmanway – Macroom 110 kV line and the Bandon – Raffeen 110 kV line. During routine maintenance of either line, the subsequent loss of the other line would mean that South West Cork would lose its electricity supply and leave the towns of Bandon, Bantry, Dunmanway and extended areas around them, without power.

• Facilitate connection of renewable generation

There is a significant amount of renewable generation connected or seeking to connect in South West Cork. The current transmission network configuration and capacity is not capable of accommodating the connection of this amount of renewable generation.

It is vital that new electricity infrastructure is built to ensure that the region meets the standards required of a safe and secure electricity system.

Next Steps

A 3rd public information day will be held at the Castle Hotel, Macroom on **Monday 9th of May** between 10.30am and 8pm. All are welcome.

What is Grid25?

Grid25 is EirGrid's plan to develop and upgrade the electricity transmission network from now until 2025.

This major initiative will put in place a safe, secure and affordable electricity supply throughout Ireland. This is a major undertaking which will take several years, represents an investment of €4 billion.

Grid25 is critical to Ireland's future from both an economic as well as environmental standpoint, and will help secure Ireland's energy needs for the next generations.

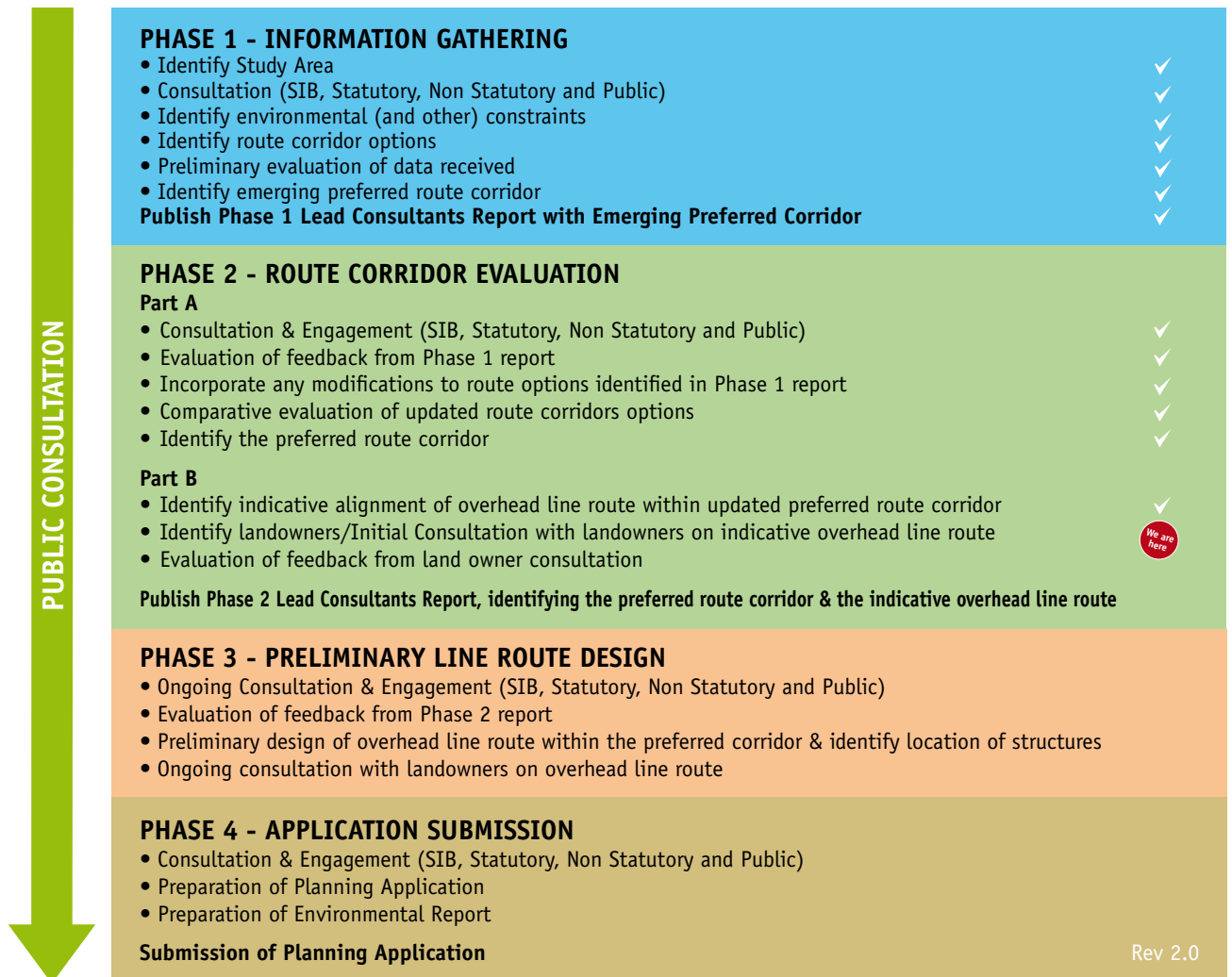
Under Grid25, €730 million will be invested in the development of the electricity transmission network for the south west region.

One of the projects under this €730 million investment is the Clashavoon-Dunmanway project which is detailed next. It is vital that this new electricity infrastructure is built to ensure that the region meets the standards required of a safe and secure electricity system.

Fig.1 Existing Dunmanway-Macroom 110 kV line



Planning Application Project Roadmap



Next Steps

- Lead consultant & environmental consultants will shortly commence the fieldwork phase of their studies.
- Publication of the Phase 2 Lead Consultants Report within which the preferred line route will be identified.
- It is intended to submit the planning application for this project directly to An Bord Pleanála under the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure Act) 2006. Details of the planning process can be found on the An Bord Pleanála website: www.pleanala.ie

Benefits

- The new electrical infrastructure will allow the region to utilise its rich renewable energy resources.
- The development of the renewable energy sector is an important element in driving future job creation and is a key platform for economic recovery.
- To support growth and development in the region and ensure security of supply for the future.
- A strong electricity network will help boost existing industry in the South West when competing for business and inward development in the area.

Timelines

- This new infrastructure is required to be fully operational by 2014.
- A planning application is expected to be lodged with An Bord Pleanála in 2011.

Contact Us

EirGrid is committed to ensuring that all members of the public are fully aware of the project and encourage you to participate in public consultation. If you would like to discuss the project or to meet with a member of the project team, please contact us by either telephone or email. Otherwise, consult our website for regular updates.

Tel: 01 702 6642

Email: clashavoondunmanway@eirgrid.com

Web: www.eirgridprojects.com



GRID25

DELIVERING IRELAND'S ELECTRICITY FUTURE

www.eirgridprojects.com