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Feedback regarding either project can be submitted by email, letter or telephone as detailed below. Post: Clashavoon Dunmanway Project Manager/Millstreet Project Manager, EirGrid, The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. Telephone: 01 702 6642 Email Clashavoon: clashavoondunmanway@eirgrid.com Email Millstreet: millstreet@eirgrid.com Web: www.eirgridprojects.com

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→ Eirgrid proposal

Evening Echo

EIRGRID, the national electricity grid operator, is to reinforce the electricity transmission network in the south west of the country with a EUR60 million investment. It is proposing a new HOkV electricity circuit to connect the existing Clashavoon substation, which is located near Macroom, and the existing Dunmanway electricity substation. The investment is part of the Grid25 strategy, which will see EUR730 million invested.

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EirGrid to reinforce grid in Cork

Cork Independent

EIRGRID, the operator of the national electricity grid, today announced plans to reinforce the electricity transmission network in the South West of the country. It is proposing a new 110kV electricity circuit to connect the existing Clashavoon substation, which is located North East of Macroom, and the existing Dunmanway electricity substation, which is located on the outskirts of Dunmanway.

A new substation near Millstreet is also planned. The new substation will connect into the existing transmission line, which runs from Tarbert in Kerry to Clashavoon in Coric. It will also connect to the substation in Garrow.

This announcement forms part of EirGrid's strategy for the reinforcement and development of the grid infrastructure in the South West as detailed in its Grid25 strategy.

Grid25 is a major initiative to put in place a safe, secure and affordable electricity supply throughout Ireland, supporting economic growth and utilising Ireland's renewable energy resource to its maximum potential.

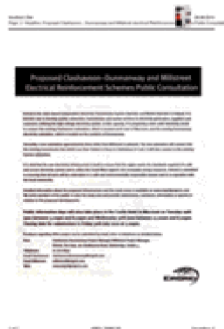
Under Grid25, EUR730m will be invested in the development of the energy transmission infrastructure for the South West region.

Deborah Meghen, Transmission Projects Manager, EirGrid, outlined the company's plans: "These two projects will provide for increased security of supply for electricity in the area, allow the region to utilise its rich renewable energy resources, while providing for future growth in demand from both industry and domestic users."

The Grid25 strategy involves upgrading the highvoltage system and an overall national investment of approximately EUR4 billion to the period 2025. This new infrastructure is every bit as essential to future economic growth of the country as investment in road, rail and broadband.

The upgrade of the grid will be achieved through a combination of upgrading the existing network and the construction of new transmission infrastructure, in a manner that balances cost, reliability and environmental impact.

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