

Our Ref: PCI0003

Mr. Eoghan Tuite, Senior Lead Engineer, EirGrid, The Oval, 160 Shelbourne Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin D04 FW28.

13th September 2019

Re: Celtic Interconnector Project/Concept for Public Participation

Dear Mr. Tuite,

I refer to the Public Participation Concept submitted by EirGrid on 20th June 2019.

An Bord Pleanála in its designated role as Competent Authority for Projects of Common Interest (PCI) has made a decision under Article 9.3 of Regulation (EU) No.347/2013 to modify the Public Participation Concept as follows;

- 1. The information leaflet should be re-written to include all of the items referred to in (5) of Annex VI. The leaflet to remain written in a Plain English format. Any web address given should also list the home page/landing page of the relevant authority.
- 2. The re-written information leaflet should be more prominent on the project website and be placed on the home page of the site for ease of public access.
- 3. The project website to be modified to more clearly display the contact details and to provide a named individual(s) that might be contacted in relation to the project/application documents.
- 4. Publish brief details in two national newspapers of the PCI project and give the project website before any consent application is lodged.

You should proceed with public participation on the basis of the concept as modified.

Please publish the Public Participation Concept and a copy of this letter on the project website in accordance with the guidance given in the Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures. When published on your project website, please inform us and the consenting authorities involved in the PCI process.

Yours sincerely,

Sorcha Skelly,

Executive Officer,

PCI Unit.