

Proposed Clashavoon–Dunmanway and Millstreet Electrical Reinforcement Schemes Public Consultation

EirGrid is the state-owned independent electricity Transmission System Operator and Market Operator in Ireland. It is EirGrid's role to develop quality connection, transmission and market services to electricity generators, suppliers and customers utilising the high-voltage electricity system. In this capacity, 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.

Secondly, a new substation approximately three miles from Millstreet is planned. The new substation will connect into the existing transmission line which runs from Tarbert in Kerry to Clashavoon in Cork. It will also connect to the existing Garrow substation.

It is vital that the new electricity infrastructure is built to ensure that the region meets the standards required of a safe and secure electricity system and to utilise the South West region's rich renewable energy resources. EirGrid is committed to ensuring that all work will be undertaken in a safe and environmentally responsible manner and in co-operation with the local community.

Detailed information about the proposed infrastructure and the study areas is available on www.eirgridprojects.com. We invite members of the public to view the study area and provide submissions, comments, information or queries in relation to the proposed developments.

Public information days will also take place in the Castle Hotel in Macroom on Tuesday 29th June between 3.00pm and 8.00pm and Wednesday 30th June between 11.00am and 8.00pm. Closing date for submissions is Friday 30th July 2010 at 5.00pm.

Feedback regarding either project can be submitted by email, letter or telephone as detailed below.

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