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Our Ref: PCI0003

Mr. Des Cox,
Planning and Environmental Lead,
Public Engagement Team,
EirGrid,
The Oval,
160 Shelbourne Road,
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Dublin D04 FW28.

Date: 27th October, 2022.

Re: PCI 1.6 Celtic Interconnector Project

Dear Mr.Cox,

I refer to the Projects of Common Interest permit granting and public participation process and the application lodged by EirGrid on 9th July, 2021 under Article 10 of Regulation (EU) number 347/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17th April 2013 on guidelines for trans-European energy infrastructure in relation to the Celtic Interconnector Project (Reference Number PCI 1.6).

You will be aware that Ireland to implement the permit granting process has chosen the collaborative scheme as the mechanism to facilitate the issuing of the comprehensive decision.

Comprehensive Decision

Having regard to Article 32 of Regulation (EU) 2022/869, the comprehensive decision means the decision or set of decisions taken by a Member State authority or authorities not including courts or tribunals, that determines whether or not a project promotor is to be granted authorisation to build the energy infrastructure to realise a project without prejudice to any decision taken in the context of an administrative appeal procedure.

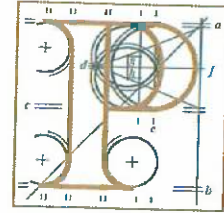
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An Bord Pleanála acting in its capacity as the designated Competent Authority for Projects of Common Interest in Ireland has co-ordinated the comprehensive decision.

Due account has been taken in the comprehensive decision of the results of activities related to the participation of the public prior to the submission of the application file, including those activities that took place before the start of the permit granting process, summarised in the Article 9.4 report submitted by you.

The decisions issued by the relevant authorities and identified as necessary to build the energy infrastructure to realise the project are listed in the Appendix attached to this letter. The comprehensive decision being those consents can be regarded as issued in accordance with the Regulation.

As Competent Authority we point out that the comprehensive decision in relation to the above project was issued in compliance with the time limits set out in the Regulation.

Yours faithfully,

Diarmuid Collins,
Senior Administrative Officer,
PCI Unit.

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Appendix

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Authority Concerned	Consent
An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.	Strategic Infrastructure Development ABP-310798-21 19 May, 2022.
Authority Concerned	Consent
Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Custom House, Dublin 1.	Foreshore Licence FS006916 26 August, 2022.
Authority Concerned	Consent
Commission for Regulation of Utilities, The Exchange, Belgard Square North, Tallaght, Dublin 24.	Authorisation to construct an interconnector ICAuth 2022/06-01 19 October, 2022.
Authority Concerned	Consent
Commission for Regulation of Utilities, The Exchange, Belgard Square North, Tallaght, Dublin 24.	Section 48 consent under the Electricity Regulation Act, 1999 21 October, 2022.
Authority Concerned	Consent
Commission for Regulation of Utilities, The Exchange, Belgard Square North, Tallaght, Dublin 24.	Section 49 consent under the Electricity Regulation Act, 1999 24 October, 2022.