

EIRGRID EXTENDS OPENING HOURS AT INFORMATION CENTRES FOR MEATH – TYRONE 400KV INTERCONNECTION DEVELOPMENT

Monday 18th January 2010: EirGrid is extending the opening hours at its Information Centres in Navan & Carrickmacross next week (25th – 29th January) to facilitate people calling in to view the full planning application, meet members of the EirGrid team and have their questions answered. **The Information Centres will be open for five days, from Monday 25th to Friday 29th January, from 1pm to 7pm.** In addition, people can arrange to meet EirGrid outside of these hours, on any day of the week by lo-calling 1890 25 26 90 or emailing to make an appointment.

The Information Centres are as follows:-

- NAVAN: EirGrid Information Centre, Number 1, Newbridge, Athlumney, Navan, Co Meath; normally open on Tuesdays, 1-7pm; email meathcavanpower@eirgrid.com
- CARRICKMACROSS: EirGrid Information Centre, Carrickmacross Workhouse, Shercock Road, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan; normally open on Wednesdays, 1-7pm; email cavantyroneinterconnector@eirgrid.com;

“We are happy to meet people to go through the EIS with them and answer their queries about the planning application,” said Tomas Mahony, Project Engineer, EirGrid. “Furthermore, if people want to purchase sections of the EIS or the entire document they can do so through the Information Offices.”

The planning application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) are also on view in local authority offices in Counties Meath, Monaghan and Cavan and on the website, www.eirgridnortheastprojects.com.

People can send their submission to An Bord Pleanála between now and the close of public consultation on Friday 12th March 2010.

“We remind the public that the above Information Offices will also continue to open as usual on Tuesdays (Navan) and Wednesdays (Carrickmacross) from 1pm to 7pm until Wednesday 10th March inclusive and that if they want to meet EirGrid on any other day or time outside of these opening hours, we will be happy to facilitate them – just phone or email us to make an appointment,” said Tomas Mahony.

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