

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 May 2016 17:55
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: North-South Interconnector Public Inquiry

Dear [REDACTED]

Further to your email below, please see link below that provides details of the first stage of the Public Inquiry that is due to commence on 21 June 2016. It will be open for the general public to attend but not to make representations.

<http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/common-about-dfi-planning/dfi-advert-o090792-o130214-npi.pdf>

Can you or Kieran please provide me with an update on the EirGrid planning application/oral hearing?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Please be advised that from the 9th May 2016 my new e-mail address will be [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Senior Planning Officer | Dfi Strategic Planning Division | Level 5 | Causeway Exchange |
1-7 Bedford Street | Town Parks | Belfast | BT2 7EG
T: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@pleanala.ie]
Sent: 18 May 2016 14:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: North-South Interconnector Public Inquiry

Your Ref: LA08/2015/0470/TBA


Hi [REDACTED]

I was wondering if a date and venue has been confirmed for the public inquiry into SONI's application for the North-South Interconnector?
If so, will it be open for the general public to attend?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Administrative Assistant
Strategic Infrastructure Development
& Local Authority Projects Section
An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1



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Mr Chris Hazzard MLA
Minister
Department for Infrastructure
Departmental Co-ordination Unit
Clarence Court
10-18 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8GB



Thursday 9th June 2016

Dear Minister Hazzard MLA,

RE: Meeting request to provide an update on SONI's proposed North-South electricity interconnector (planning ref: O/2009/0792/F and O/2013/0214/F)

Congratulations on your recent election to the Assembly and on your appointment as the Minister for Infrastructure.

I write to you on behalf of my client SONI regarding its current proposal to develop an additional North-South Interconnector, to be constructed between Co. Tyrone and Co. Cavan.

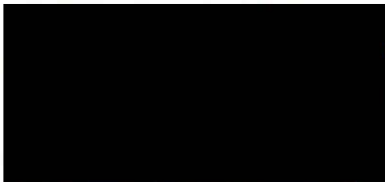
Currently in the planning process, it remains an urgent necessity to achieve security of electricity supply to Northern Ireland. When developed, it will also result in downward pressure on electricity prices by allowing the full implementation of the Single Electricity Market.

Given the strategic regional importance of the project, SONI would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you in order to bring you fully up to date on recent progress, and to answer any questions you may have.

If you would like any further information please don't hesitate to get in touch.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,



Strategic Planning



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Tel: (028) 9054 0848

Email: private.office@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Your reference:

Our reference: INV/1059/2016

Date: 29 June 2016

Mr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@strategicplanning.uk.com

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter and e-mail dated 9 June inviting Minister Hazzard to meet representatives of SONI to update him on the proposed North-South Interconnector. The Minister has read your letter and asked me to reply.

I understand SONI and you had previously met the former Environment Minister in relation to your proposals. As these applications are currently the subject of a Public Inquiry being held before the Planning Appeals Commission, and as the Minister will be the final decision maker on these, he regrets he has to decline your invitation to meet.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Assistant Private Secretary



INVITATION ADVICE MEMO

From: [Redacted]
Strategic Planning Division

Reference: DI/INV/1059/2016

Tel: 028 [Redacted]

Date: 14 June 2016

To: 1. [Redacted] 14/6/16
2. Minister Chris Hazzard MLA

cc: [Redacted]

PG Secretariat
[Redacted]

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| <p>From:</p> <p>Invitation type:</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>Venue (if known)</p> <p>Date and time (if known)</p> <p>Any other diary commitments (This will be completed by Private Office prior to commissioning of case)</p> | <p>Strategic Planning's [Redacted]</p> <p>Event <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>To update you on System Operator for Northern Ireland (SONI)'s proposals to develop a North South Interconnector between Co Tyrone and Co Cavan</p> <p>Not specified</p> <p>N/K</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
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| <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Reason for Recommendation:</p> | <p>Accept <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Decline <input type="checkbox"/> Offer Official Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>It is recommended that you accept the meeting request from SONI to provide an update regarding the regionally significant planning application known as the North-South Interconnector</p> |
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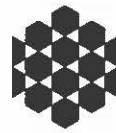
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[Redacted] 25/6/16

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| <p>Minister's comments:</p> | <p>Accept <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Decline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Further information required <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
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[Redacted]

Signed:

Date:



Department for

Infrastructure

www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk

Internal Memo

From: [Redacted]
Strategic Planning Division

Your Ref: O/2009/0792/F &
O/2013/0214/F

Our Ref:

Tel: 028 90 [Redacted]

Date: 28 July 2016

To: 1. [Redacted] (DfI SpAD)
2. Minister Hazzard MLA

cc: Copy distribution below

Regionally Significant Planning Applications – North South Interconnector

Decision Required

For Information Only

X



Issue: To update the Minister on the North South Interconnector following receipt of the report from the Planning Appeals Commission on the preliminary hearing held in June 2016.

Timescale: Routine.

Presentational Issues: This issue has been matter of high public and political interest

FOI Implications: This section should state either that, at the time of drafting:

- (i) the submission is likely to be fully disclosable;

Financial Implications: N/A

Legislative Implications: N/A

Section 75 Implications: N/A

Executive Referral: N/A

Special Adviser's comments:

Recommendation:

That you:-

- Note the contents of the submission.

Background

1. The Minister will be aware of the background to the North South Interconnector planning applications and that a preliminary hearing before the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) was held in June 2016.
2. The PAC has now provided its report on the preliminary hearing. A copy of the report is appended at Annex 1.

Detail

3. Two issues were debated at the hearing. One related to the enlargement of the red line boundary of the overhead line planning application site and the second being that a NIE plan, which referenced the Interconnector project, should have been subject to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive.
4. On the first issue, officials would accept the PAC reasoning and recommendation that the amendments to the application have not altered its substance and that the public have been consulted on the amendments and had the opportunity to comment accordingly.
5. With regards the SEA issue, officials would accept the PAC recommendation that there is no plan or programme in preparation relevant to the planning applications which would constrain proper consideration of the planning applications and to which the requirements of the SEA Directive would apply.

6. Officials will now write to the PAC and ask that they make the necessary arrangements for the substantive hearing which will consider the merits of the planning application. Officials also intend to publish the PAC report.

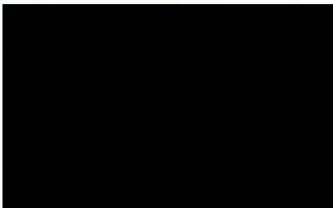
Recommendation

7. That the Minister notes the contents of this submission.



Director

Copy List:



Meeting with CMD, SONI, AECOM

2/9/16

In attendance:



- [redacted] advised we are likely to write to PAC next week + also issue NW letters at that time too.
- [redacted] felt no one has been prejudiced. There is still time to NW and they can add any objections before inquiry takes place. Also the public only know about the inquiry through advert - not through NW letters.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 February 2019 13:36
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: North South Consultation

Please see below.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk]
Sent: 14 February 2019 12:26
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: North South Consultation

Hi [REDACTED]

Please see below, a list of attendees from SONI for our meeting this afternoon:

[REDACTED]
& Possibly [REDACTED]

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2019 12:32
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: North South Consultation

Thank you [REDACTED]

This time will be suitable for SONI, I will confirm the attendance list by tomorrow COB.

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 February 2019 12:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: North South Consultation

[REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay in responding to your email below. I have held the below slot in [REDACTED] diary and would be grateful if you could confirm if this is suitable.

Date: Thursday 14 February 2019

Time: 14:30

Venue: Clarence Court, Adelaide Street, Belfast BT2 8GB

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]
PS to [REDACTED]
Strategic Planning Division

1st Floor
Clarence Court
10 - 18 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8GB

From: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk [REDACTED]

Sent: 08 February 2019 15:06

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: North South Consultation

Hi [REDACTED]

In light of the decision this morning in the high court, would it be possible to meet with the Planning division towards the end of next week, to discuss the next steps and potential schedule in getting re-approval for the North South project.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Project Manager, Grid Development

☎ Desk: [REDACTED]
☎ Mobile: [REDACTED]
✉ E-mail: [REDACTED]



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk
Sent: 28 February 2019 12:39
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting to discuss North-South

Hi [REDACTED]

Monday is certainly fine for us, however [REDACTED] is involved in a meeting with [REDACTED] at his time; would it be possible to move our meeting with yourselves to 11:30?

If not, the attendance at present looks like

Myself
[REDACTED]

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 February 2019 11:59
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting to discuss North-South

Dear [REDACTED]

Does 10.30am on Monday 4 March suit? Can you please also provide names of attendees.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] | Senior Planning Officer | DfI Strategic Planning Directorate | Casework Team | Room 1-01
Clarence Court | 10-18 Adelaide Street | Belfast | BT2 8GB
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk]
Sent: 26 February 2019 16:54
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Meeting to discuss North-South

Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Would it be possible to meet up briefly with you on Monday or at some stage next week to discuss the North South project and to follow up on the agreed actions from our last meeting on the 14th February?

Regards

[REDACTED]
Project Manager, Grid Development

Desk: [REDACTED]
Mobile: [REDACTED]
E-mail: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk



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Tyrone to Cavan (North South) 400kV Interconnector

Dear [REDACTED]

I am following up on the recent decision by the high court to quash the approvals for the North South 400kV interconnector. I understand that the DfI will now have to consider whether it is necessary to request Further Environmental Information ('FEI') from SONI to update the information previously submitted or as a consequence of a material change in circumstances since January 2018.

To assist the DfI in its consideration of this issue, please find attached a short report prepared by our lead environmental consultants 'Aecom' which summarises the studies which it has undertaken between 2005 and 2017 in producing the various chapters of the Consolidated Environmental Statement (2013), its Addendum (2015) and material published in support of the Public Inquiry (2017). The report also identifies any known changes in the local environment, and in legislation and guidance since that time.

SONI would request that DfI utilise this report and the previous project documentation in its consideration as to whether FEI is necessary.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
North South Project Manager
SONI Ltd

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Northern Ireland
BT6 9RT
Company Registration
No. NI038715

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 April 2019 10:49
To: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk
Subject: RE: Meeting request from SONI with [REDACTED] on the North South Project

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your email below. I have spoken with [REDACTED] and he suggests that as there is a meeting scheduled for 15 April with the relevant planners the next steps issue could be discussed with them at that meeting. If following this meeting there are other areas or issues which [REDACTED] would like to follow up with [REDACTED] he is happy to do so.

Unfortunately 25 / 26th April are not currently available for a meeting.

Kind Regards



[REDACTED] On behalf of Personal Secretary for Alistair Beggs, Director of Strategic Planning
Directorate | Department for Infrastructure | Rm 1.01 | Clarence Court | 10-18 Adelaide Street | BELFAST
BT2 8GB
[REDACTED]

Please consider the environment - do you really need to print this e-mail?

From: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 April 2019 14:27
To: [REDACTED]
Co: [REDACTED]
Subject: Meeting request from SONI with [REDACTED] on the North South Project

H [REDACTED]

I was wondering if it would be possible to facilitate a meeting between [REDACTED] from Senior SONI management and [REDACTED] either on the 25th or 26th April to discuss the next steps for the potential re-approval of the North-South Interconnector planning permission. A working level meeting is already scheduled for the 15th April with the Strategic Planning division which should inform the agenda of this meeting between SONI and [REDACTED]

Regards

[REDACTED]

Project Manager, Grid Development

☎ Desk: [REDACTED]
☎ Mobile: [REDACTED]
✉ E-mail: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk
Sent: 12 April 2019 14:26
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting request -working level 15th April 2019

Hi [REDACTED]

Slight change of personal on the attendance list for Monday. [REDACTED] will no longer be in attendance and [REDACTED] from Carson McDowell will be taking his place. [REDACTED] from SONI will also be in attendance. So the new list is:

[REDACTED]

Apologies for the late notice.

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 April 2019 14:08
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting request -working level 15th April 2019

Hi [REDACTED]

I can confirm the attendance for Monday's meeting remains the same as below, along with myself. We have a couple of questions as follows for your consideration that can be expanded upon further on Monday:

- If all or a majority of the responses from the statutory bodies request no further FEI or express no concerns with the project, is there still a need for an FEI request?
- Will it be possible for DFI to carry out the public consultation on an FEI addendum in NI in parallel with the transboundary consultation in ROI to reduce the overall timeline?

Look forward to our meeting on Monday.

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 April 2019 14:32
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting request -working level 15th April 2019

Thank you [REDACTED] can you please confirm the attendance list is still the same as below;

[REDACTED]

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Strategic Planning Directorate
Casework Team

Level 1
Clarence Court
10-18 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8GB

Tel: [REDACTED]
Ext: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk [mailto:[REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk]
Sent: 08 April 2019 14:28
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting request -working level 15th April 2019

Hi [REDACTED]

I can confirm that 10:30am in Clarence Court would suit for this meeting.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk]
Sent: 29 March 2019 11:02
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting request -working level 15th April 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email below. We are happy to facilitate a meeting. Does 10.30am in Clarence Court suit?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED] | Senior Planning Officer | DfI Strategic Planning Directorate | Casework Team | Room 1-01 |
Clarence Court | 10-18 Adelaide Street | BELFAST | BT2 8GB

[REDACTED]

From: [redacted]@soni.ltd.uk [redacted]
Sent: 27 March 2019 16:34
To: [redacted]
Subject: Meeting request -working level 15th April 2019

Hi [redacted]

Would it be possible to have a working level meeting with yourself and [redacted] on Monday 15th April in relation to the North South to discuss the outcome of consultation on a potential FEI request. The following will likely be attending from the SONI side along with myself:

- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]
- [redacted]

Best wishes,

[redacted]

Project Manager, Grid Development

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Mobile: [redacted]
E-mail: [redacted]@soni.ltd.uk



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Telephone call from agent/SOWI

26/7/19

Received call from [REDACTED] (SOWI) advising that the wrong version of the HRA (shadow) may be submitted. They are verifying this urgently and will confirm the position on Monday.

I advised I was issuing consultations this afternoon but I will hold-off until I hear back from him on Monday. Only one consultation has issued on each application which was to the member state under EIA Regs (Transboundary) - the HRA would not affect this.

The advert will not be in papers until w/11 5/8/19 so the matter will be resolved before then.

[REDACTED]

Tel Call

Phone call from [REDACTED] SONI – asking where the [REDACTED] of Lisdown Road letter of objection was as he couldn't see it on the portal – informed him that it was on the 2013 app (no.3552) not the 2009 app.

[REDACTED]
14/10/19

North-South Interconnector – Meeting with Dfi

Date: 13 November 2019

Location: Clarence Court

In Attendance:



| No. | Agenda |
|-----|--|
| 1. | Public & Transboundary Consultation & submissions |
| 2. | Status of HRA Assessment |
| 3. | Need for Public Inquiry |
| 4. | Legal opinion in relation to the Notice of Opinion |
| 5. | Potential timeline for consent |
| 6. | AOB |
| 7. | Date of next meeting |

[REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk
11 December 2019 11:14
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: HPRM: Re: NIEA Submission & Mid Ulster response to FEI

Record Number: IN1/19/774767

Hi [REDACTED]

Following engagement with our legal team, this would seem to address all of their concerns and therefore Soni is in agreement with your position. Thank you for dealing with this matter so promptly.

Regards
[REDACTED]

On 2 Dec 2019, at 15:24, [REDACTED]

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Hello [REDACTED]

Please see attached a response from Water Management unit in response to your comments on their consultation reply. They state that a condition requiring a detailed CEMP before commencement of works is required regardless of what information has gone before. This was a condition on the previous decision although it was worded to require to a CEMP for each phase or section. In my opinion, this is sufficient and does not require any re-consultation with NIEA. Can you confirm whether you agree with this position?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Strategic Planning Directorate – Casework Team
Department for Infrastructure
Clarence Court
10-18 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8GB

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@soni.ltd.uk [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 November 2019 15:58
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: NIEA Submission & Mid Ulster response to FEI

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Hi,
They are reviewing the 2019 FEI in isolation and not the application in its entirety and they are not understanding the project. The personnel must have changed. We need a meeting with them. No further environmental information is needed. Everything they need is in the application from 2013 to date.

Comment from WMU: There is insufficient detail regarding silt management/mitigation at the site(s);
Response: In the Consolidated ES, 2015 Addendum (including 2015 Outline CEMP) and 2019 Addendum, there are a wide range of measure that will be effective for the scale of the impacts that will occur to the water environment. What specifically would they like to see?

Comment from WMU: There is insufficient detail regarding cement mitigation at the site(s);
Response: On top of the response above, we say in the 2019 FEI that we will comply with fully with the Guidance for Pollution Prevention documents. I have attached the relevant one for cement (Section 3). Additionally, there is no cement batching on site so the level of mitigation is appropriate for cement deliveries and pouring it into the foundations.

Comment from WMU: There is no mention of current Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) Regulations Northern Ireland (2010) legislation and details on how the works conform to the current legislation.
Response: The Consolidated ES makes specific reference to the Oil Storage 2010 legislation. More than that, the 2019 FEI states that the Guidance for Pollution Prevention documents will be complied with and so there will be no issues with oil storage. There will be no oil stored on site other than what is contained in the vehicles overnight.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jacobs | Associate Director

O: [REDACTED]
28 Adelaide St | Belfast, BT2 8GD

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Transboundary EIA <transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie>
Sent: 30 December 2019 13:02
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Consultations on Planning Applications for Electricity Interconnector Proposal
Attachments: MCC FEI Response to DfI RE O.2009.0792F & O.2013.0214F.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached Monaghan CC's response in relation to this application, which may be of use.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Environmental Planning Policy, Planning Division

An Roinn Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil
Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 19 November 2019 15:11
To: Transboundary EIA <transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Consultations on Planning Applications for Electricity Interconnector Proposal

Dear [REDACTED]

Many thanks for your response. I note the position in relation to Cavan County Council. Can you confirm then that there is a nil response from Monaghan County Council and your Department in respect of these planning applications?

If at all possible, would you be able to submit a response through the planning portal?

Many thanks and regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Transboundary EIA [mailto:transboundaryeia@housing.gov.ie]

Sent: 19 November 2019 13:27

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Consultations on Planning Applications for Electricity Interconnector Proposal

Hi [REDACTED]

From further correspondence with Cavan CC, a transboundary consultation did not occur in respect of this development upon notification in August 2019.

Having regard to the distances involved, Cavan CC have informed that they do not plan on commencing a public consultation. It is pertinent to note that Cavan decided not to consult on this project previously.

We have received no clarification from Monaghan CC as regards their consultation process and any submissions concerned.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me further.

Regards

[REDACTED]
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From: Transboundary EIA

Sent: Friday 8 November 2019 15:51

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Consultations on Planning Applications for Electricity Interconnector Proposal

Dear [REDACTED]

Monaghan County Council carried out a consultation which closed 23 October, whereupon they were to forward all submissions to the Department for Infrastructure. Please see the link below which will bring you to the relevant page on their website.

<https://monaghan.ie/planning/north-south-400kv-interconnector-development/>

I am currently contacting both Monaghan and Cavan CCs to clarify matters and will revert to you asap with further updates.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 7 November 2019 12:16

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Consultations on Planning Applications for Electricity Interconnector Proposal

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Consultations on Planning Applications for Electricity Interconnector Proposal

O/2009/0792/F Erection of a single circuit 400kV overhead line comprising 102 towers over 34.1kms from Trewmount Road, Moy in the townland of Turleenan to the border with the Republic of Ireland at the townland of Doohat or Crossreagh and a further section of overhead line extending for 0.2kms across the townland of Crossbane. Amendments to existing 275kV line removing one existing 275kV tower and erection of two new 275Kv towers. Connection via a new 400/275kV substation at land to the rear of 152 Trewmount Road

O/2013/0214/F Carry out associated works required for the erection of a single circuit 400kV overhead line comprising 102 towers over 34.1kms from Trewmount Road, Moy, in the townland of Turleenan to the border with the Republic of Ireland at the townland of Doohat or Crossreagh and a further section of overhead line extending for 0.2kms across the townland of Crossbane. Works to include site levelling, site preparation works, amending existing access points, construction of new access points, construction of new access lanes, construction of working areas, stringing areas, guarding, site boundary fencing and related mitigation works. Associated works required to amend

the existing 275kV line removing one existing 275kV tower and erection of two new 275kV towers. Associated work required to enable connection via a new 400/275kV substation at Trewmount road.

Dfi has issued consultations on the above planning applications for the interconnector following the receipt of further environmental information. [REDACTED] I am trying to track down the progress of these consultations which were issued electronically through our planning portal system on 9th August 2019. If you could shed any light or point me in the right direction, I would be very grateful.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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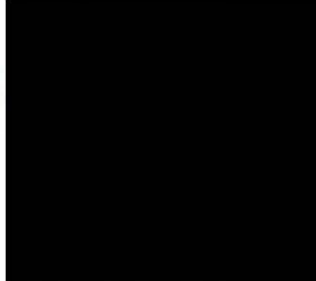
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North-South Interconnector – Meeting with DfI

Date: 16th January 2020

Location: Clarence Court

In Attendance:



| No. | Agenda |
|------------|---|
| 1. | Status of Consultee responses |
| 2. | Close out on the decision not to re-open the public inquiry |
| 3. | Legal advice on Notice of opinion/closing out consultation exercise |
| 4. | Engagement with the new Minister for DfI |
| 5. | Steps to deal with decisions of a cross cutting nature |
| 6. | Estimated timeline for a final decision |
| 7. | AOB |
| 8. | Date of next meeting |

31 Tuesday

WEEK 14
91-275

SONI conference call - 13:30 - 14:00

just wanted updated on application re Cross-cutting.

advised it is still ongoing with legal advice.

Then asked about the EQIA aspect

said we are currently looking at the process of how to deal with that.

asked for timescale re EQIA - said that EQIA isn't causing delays it is more with COVID-19 and how to get Minister to deal with it with all other COVID-19 matters ongoing.

asked would we be in position to get recommendation from Minister when it returns to business as normal.

assured that we are working on both EQIA and cross-cutting and progressing as best we can.

confirmed we have senior counsel advice on EQIA and must get it covered.

said will planning decisions still be taken during COVID-19 but confirmed it is also cross-cutting is one of our main issues

asked again about cross-cutting - is the Department clear about process. confirmed that we are still working through this and couldn't say anything further at this time.

had hoped by this stage a process would have been mapped out.

He is being pressed by the wider project team about timelines.

said it is impossible to give a timeframe. we see it as priority application but there is process to be followed + path isn't clear.

if COVID-19 passed soon then it is hoped decision can be made soon after. said we have everything but cross-cutting needs to be resolved.

asked if NS still first decision to be taken - said we have a few ready to go but we know this is a priority. said we would not have control in order Minister would make decisions.

* confirm date + time for next call *

SNT- NS Interconnector - Teleconference - 10:30am



asked for update
set out position of making decision in RFI but Minister mind is focused on COVID-19 and we haven't had confirmation from Minister on this

updated on RFI and said it will be going to legal today - expect response within 2 weeks.

raised question about length of time since surveys were undertaken. Some were Oct 2018 so Oct 2020 would be 2 years. said it is good point and is good for us to put pressure on.

asked if process does go ahead and it reaches executive will COVID-19 delay the actual decision. said no it leaves our hands we have no control on it anymore. But he understands that the executive are still operating.