

Project in another EEA State Likely To Have Significant Transboundary Effects On Northern Ireland

Planning Application Accompanied by an Environmental Statement - Regulation 28 of The Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (NI) 2015

The Department has received notification of a planning application accompanied by an Environmental Impact Statement for the following development which is likely to have significant effects on the environment in Northern Ireland. This application has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála as a Strategic Infrastructure Application.

Application No: DoE Planning Ref. - LA08/2015/0470/TBA

Strategic Infrastructure Ref. – PL02.VA0017

Location and Description of Proposal: The proposed North-South 400 kV Interconnection Development located in Counties Monaghan, Cavan and Meath, which will be the subject of the application for approval, is approximately 103.35km long and consists of the following principal elements:

(i) A new single circuit 400 kV overhead transmission line (covering a distance of approximately 100.5km in the counties of Monaghan, Cavan and Meath) extending in a generally southerly alignment from the jurisdictional border with Northern Ireland (between the townland of Doohat or Crossreagh, County Armagh, and the townland of Lemgare, County Monaghan) to the townland of Bogganstown (Electoral District (ED) Culmullin), County Meath. In addition the proposed transmission line crosses the jurisdictional border with Northern Ireland at two points - from the townland of Lemgare, County Monaghan into the townland of Crossbane, County Armagh and back into the townland of Lemgare, County Monaghan. This transmission line comprises 299 No. new lattice steel support structures (ranging in height from approximately 26m to 51m over ground level), with associated conductors, insulators, and other apparatus.

The proposed new transmission line extends across the following townlands of County Monaghan, County Cavan and County Meath:

County Monaghan: Lemgare, Lisdrumgormly, Annaglogh, Latnakelly, Tassan, Cashel, Annagh (Cremorne Barony (By)), Carrickanure, Clarderry, Cornamucklagh North, Derryhallagh (Monaghan By), Drumroosk, Cargaghramer, Cornanure (Monaghan By), Rausker, Terrygreghan, Cornamucklagh South, Crinkill, Clogher, Drumguillew Lower, Drumhawan, Greagh (Cremorne By), Brackly (Cremorne By), Tullynahinnera, Cooltrimegish, Boraghy, Aghmakerr, Drumillard (Cremorne By), Tooa, Tullyglass, Cornasassonagh, Corrinenty, Ummerafree, Sreenty, Ardragh, Corvally (Farney By), Raferagh, Cornalaragh, Doagh, Corlea (ED Drumcarrow), Scalkill and Ballaghnameary.

County Cavan: Lisagoan, Drumiller, Corlea (Clankee By), Cornamagh, Corglass (ED Lisagoan), Collops, Dingin, Corrycholman, Leiter (ED Lisagoan), Cordoagh (ED Enniskeen), Laragh, Corranearry (ED Enniskeen), Carrowreagh, Clonturkan and Balloughly.

County Meath: Boherlea, Moorlagh, Tullyweel, Lislea, Aghamore, Shancor, Towas, Eden, Boynagh (ED Kilmainham), Altmush (ED Cruicetown), Cruicetown (ED Cruicetown), Brittas, Rahood, Raffin, Clooney, Drakerath, Mountainstown, Dowdstown (ED Castletown), Fletcherstown, Cluain an Ghaill (Clongill), Baile Órthaí (Oristown), Diméin Bhaile Ghib (Gibstown Demesne), Tailtin (Teltown), Castlemartin, Tankardstown (ED Ardraccan), Grange (ED Ardraccan), Durhamstown, Neillstown (ED Ardraccan), Betaghstown (ED Ardraccan), Ongenstown (ED Ardraccan), Irishtown (ED Ardraccan), Halltown, Churchtown, Philpotstown (ED Bective), Rataine, Dunlough, Balbrigh, Dunganny, Rathnally, Trubley, Knockstown (ED Kilcooly), Knockstown (ED Kilmessan), Creroge, Crumpstown or Marshallstown (ED Galtrim), Branganstown, Boycetown, Galtrim, Martinstown (ED Galtrim), Derrypatrick, Culmullin, Woodtown (ED Culmullin), Curraghtown (ED Culmullin) and Bogganstown (ED Culmullin).

The proposed development includes development in a Gaeltacht area, located in the townlands of Cluain an Ghaill (Clongill), Baile Órthaí (Oristown), Diméin Bhaile Ghib (Gibstown Demesne) and Tailtin (Teltown), all in County Meath.

(ii) Modifications are required to three existing 110 kV overhead lines. The modifications comprise the insertion of additional polesets and / or replacement of existing structures with polesets of shorter height (ranging in height from approximately 11.5m to 19m over ground level) in the following locations:

- The vicinity of where the proposed 400 kV overhead transmission line intersects with the Lisdrum-Louth 110 kV transmission line, in Drumroosk, County Monaghan.
- The vicinity of where the proposed 400 kV overhead transmission line intersects with the Louth-Rathrussan 110 kV transmission line, in Corrinenty and Corbane, County Monaghan.
- The vicinity of where the proposed 400 kV overhead transmission line intersects with the Arva-Navan 110kV transmission line, in Diméin Bhaile Ghib (Gibstown Demesne and Tailtin (Teltown)), County Meath.

(iii) The addition of a new 400 kV circuit for approximately 2.85km along the currently used northern side of the existing Oldstreet to Woodland 400 kV transmission line, extending eastwards from the townland of Bogganstown (ED Culmullin) to the existing ESB Woodland 400 kV Substation, in the townland of Woodland, County Meath, and crossing the following townlands in County Meath: Bogganstown (ED Culmullin), Curraghtown (ED Culmullin), Gaulstown (ED Culmullin), Hayestown, Creemore and Woodland. The existing double circuit lattice steel support structures along this existing line range in height from approximately 52m to 61m over ground level.

(iv) Associated works on a site of approximately 0.544ha within and immediately adjacent to the existing ESB Woodland 400 kV Substation, in the townland of Woodland, County Meath to include: a western extension of the existing compound (of approximately 0.231ha) including associated modifications to the existing 2.6m high palisade boundary fence; the addition of electrical equipment and apparatus including circuit breaker, current transformers, inductive voltage transformers, disconnectors, pantograph disconnecting switches, surge arresters, support insulators and support insulator bars (all ranging in height from approximately 7.4m to 13.7m); gantry structures (approximately 28m); and a lightning monopole (approximately 28m); and all associated ancillary construction and site development works.

(v) An associated temporary construction material storage yard to be located in the townlands of Monaltyduff and Monaltybane, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, on a site of approximately 1.4ha, including associated site works, new site entrance onto the L4700 Local Road, associated 2.6m high boundary palisade fencing (with noise barrier affixed) and associated ancillary staff facilities and parking.

(vi) All associated and ancillary development including works comprising or relating to permanent and temporary construction and excavation.

A copy of the Environmental Impact Statement may be examined at the Strategic Planning Division, Level 5, Causeway Exchange, 1-7 Bedford Street, Belfast, BT2 7EG (Tel: 0300 200 7830). It is advisable to make an appointment before calling at the office.

The Environmental Impact Statement may also be viewed on the Public Access website www.planningni.gov.uk or on the dedicated website www.eirgridnorthsouthinterconnector.ie

Any submissions/observations must be accompanied by a fee of €50 and must be received in writing by An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, by 5.30pm on 16th October 2015. Submissions/observations should state the name and address of the person making the submission/observation; the subject matter of the submission/observation; and the reasons, considerations and arguments on which the submission or observation is based in full.