



An Roinn Cumarsáide,
Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha
Baile Átha Cliath 2.

Department of Communications,
Energy and Natural Resources,
Dublin 2.

10/06/2008

Ms Carmel Thornton
Monaghan County Council
County Offices,
The Glen,
Monaghan,
Ireland

FOI Request Reference: FOI/2008/34

Dear Ms Thornton,

I refer to the request you have made under the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, concerning Proposed EirGrid North-South Interconnector.

I have made a final decision to part-grant your request and I attach all relevant information with this letter. The information to which you were refused access falls under the exemptions set out in Section 27 of the Act which deals with Commercially Sensitive Information, and under Section 28 of the Act which deals with Personal Information. If you have any queries regarding this correspondence you can contact me by telephone at the number below. A schedule of the records covered by your request is also attached.

I wish to advise you that, if for any reason you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request, you are entitled to seek a review by appealing the decision. To appeal, you need to write to the FOI Unit, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Elm House, Earlsvale Rd, Cavan, Co Cavan. You must make your appeal within 4 weeks of the date of this letter, but the making of a late appeal may be permitted in certain circumstances. The review will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Please note that an application fee for an appeal is currently €75.00 and a reduced fee of €25.00 applies if you are covered by a Medical Card.

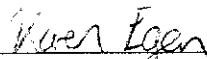
If claiming a reduced application fee, the request must also be accompanied by

- The Medical Card registration number
- The name of the issuing Health Board
- Your consent to the verification of these details with that Health Board.

Payment should be made by way of bank draft, money postal order, or personal cheque made payable to "Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources".

On receipt of the fee, you will be advised of when you can expect a decision on your appeal, and the contact details of the person handling the appeal.

Yours sincerely,



Karen Egan

Energy - Peat & Gas (Corporate)
Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
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Phone: 016782278

Proposed EirGrid North-South Interconnector

| Rec. No | Brief description and date of record | File Ref | No. of page | Decision: Grant/Part Grant/Refuse | Basis of Refusal: Section of Act | Reason for Decision | Public Interest Considerations (for and against release) | Record Edited/Identify Deletions |
|---------|--|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. | 09/04/2008 - Letter to Karsten Burges with contract attached | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Part Grant – excludes contract | Section 27 (1)(c) | Contractual negotiations - Contract is commercially sensitive | | Contract removed |
| 2. | 04/04/2008 – Email from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Part Grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | Name of tenderer deleted |
| 3. | 09/04/2008 – Email from Karen Egan | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Part Grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | Name of tenderer deleted |
| 4. | 09/04/2008 – Email from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | |
| 5. | 09/04/2008 – Email from Karen Egan | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Part Grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | Name of tenderer deleted |
| 6. | 08/04/2008 – Press Release | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Grant | | | | |
| 7. | Speech – 08/04/2008 | EIR 1/8/4 | 7 | Grant | | | | |
| 8. | Press Release – 08/04/2008 | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Grant | | | | |
| 9. | 09/04/2008 – Email from Karen Egan | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Part Grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | Name of tenderer deleted |
| 10 | 03/04/2008 – Email from Brid McGrath | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | |
| 11 | 03/04/2008 – Email and attachment from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 3 | Grant | | | | |
| 12 | 03/04/2008 – Email from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Part grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | Name of tenderer deleted |
| 13 | 02/04/2008 – email from Jens Boemer | EIR 1/8/4 | 5 | Part grant – excludes contract | Section 27 (1)(c) | Contract is commercially sensitive | | |
| 14 | 02/04/2008 – Email from Christina Mills | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | |
| 15 | 02/04/2008 – Email to Karen Egan | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Part grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | Name of tenderer deleted |

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| 31 | 20/03/2008 – Meeting request | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | | |
| 32 | 14/03/2008 - Email from Karen Egan | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Part Grant – excludes contract | Section 27 (1)(c) | Contract is commercially sensitive | | | Contract removed |
| 33 | 14/03/2008 - Email from Karsten Burges | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Grant | | | | | |
| 34 | 12/03/2008 - Email from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | | |
| 35 | 12/03/2008 - Email from Karsten Burges | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | | |
| 36 | 11/03/2008 - Email from Karen Egan | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | | |
| 37 | 07/03/2008 - Submission to Minister regarding Study on Transmission Lines | EIR 1/8/4 | 3 | Grant | | | | | |
| 38 | 10/03/2008 – Letter to C. Petersdorff | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | | |
| 39 | 10/03/2008 – Letter to unsuccessful tenderer | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Part grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | | Name of tenderer deleted |
| 40 | 10/03/2008 – Letter to unsuccessful tenderer | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Part grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | | Name of tenderer deleted |
| 41 | 10/03/2008 – Letter to unsuccessful tenderer | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Part grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | | Name of tenderer deleted |
| 42 | Tender score sheet | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Part grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | | Names and scores of unsuccessful tenderers deleted |
| 43 | 05/03/2008 – Note on Price evaluation | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Part grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | | Bid information deleted |
| 44 | 10/03/2008 – Email from Bob Hanna | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | | |
| 45 | 10/03/2008 – Email from Rebecca Minch | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | | |
| 46 | 06/03/2008 – Email from Bob Hanna | EIR 1/8/4 | 3 | Part Grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Contract is commercially sensitive | | | Monetary information deleted |
| 47 | 06/03/2008 - Email from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Part Grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Contract is commercially sensitive | | | Monetary information deleted |
| 48 | 06/03/2008 - Email from Karen Egan | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | | |
| 49 | 05/03/2008 - Email from | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Part grant | Section 27 (1)(c) | Commercially sensitive | | | Names of tenderers |

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| 68 | 19/02/2008 - Email from Karen Egan | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | |
| 69 | 19/02/2008 - Email from Bob Hanna | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Grant | | | | |
| 70 | 13/02/2008 - Email from Karen Egan | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | |
| 71 | 12/02/2008 - Email from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | |
| 72 | 12/02/2008 - Email from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | |
| 73 | 12/02/2008 - Email from Katherine Licken & attachment | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Grant | | | | |
| 74 | 12/02/2008 - Email from Katherine Licken & attachments | EIR 1/8/4 | 8 | Grant | | | | |
| 75 | 11/02/2008 - Request for tender | EIR 1/8/4 | 17 | Grant | | | | |
| 76 | 11/02/2008 - Email from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | |
| 77 | 11/02/2008 - Email from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Grant | | | | |
| 78 | 11/02/2008 - Email from Katherine Licken | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Grant | | | | |
| 79 | 11/02/2008 - Email from Sara White | EIR 1/8/4 | 1 | Grant | | | | |
| 80 | 07/02/2008 - Email and attachment from Bob Hanna | EIR 1/8/4 | 3 | Grant | | | | |
| 81 | 07/02/2008 - Email and attachment from Bob Hanna | EIR 1/8/4 | 2 | Grant | | | | |



Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
Roinn Cumarsáide, Fuinnimh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha

13/05/2008

Ms Carmel Thornton
Monaghan County Council
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Monaghan,
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FOI Request Reference: FOI/2008/34

Dear Ms Thornton,

I refer to your FOI request under Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Acts, 1997 and 2003, received in this office on 08/05/2008 in relation to Proposed EirGrid North-South Interconnector. The application was received along with the associated fee.

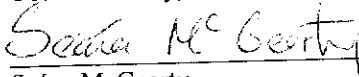
The officer handling your request will be Ms Karen Egan, Gas Corporate, Peat and Oil Division, Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, 016782278

You can expect to receive your decision by the 06/06/2008.

If you have not received a decision by that time, you are automatically entitled to appeal to the Department for a review of the matter. This review proceeds on the legal basis that the initial request is considered to be refused once the specified time for responding to it has expired. A request for a review should be addressed to the undersigned at the address shown.

Please note the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources has a policy of posting a summary of non-personal requests and decisions on the Departments website for reference purposes.

Yours sincerely,


Seána McGearty

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2nd May, 2008

Freedom of Information Officer,
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re: Freedom of Information Request -
Proposed EirGrid North-South Interconnector

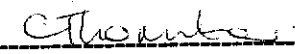
A Chara,

At a recent meeting of Monaghan County Council I was directed by the Members to seek, under the Freedom of Information Act 1997 (as amended) the following information

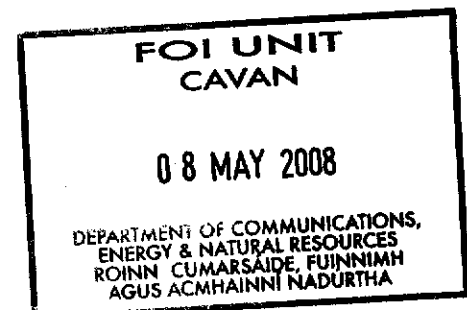
"Details of all information relating to the tendering process and the terms of reference that were applied in the appointment of Consultants to undertake the independent study on the comparative merits of overhead electricity transmission lines versus underground cables."

I enclose herewith €15 upfront fee.

Mise, le meas,


Carmel Thornton,
Meetings Administrator

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SMG.