

**Schedule 2**  
**Letters of Support and Consent**



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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Re. Proposed Gas oil fired 208MW (electrical output) peaker power generation plant and a Transmission 110kV Substation at Carranstown and Caulstown, Platin, Duleek, Co. Meath.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

ESB is the owner of Transmission infrastructure which traverses lands at Caulstown, Duleek Lower, County Meath.

More particularly, in relation to that part which traverses lands in Folio MH38583F, ESB is aware that the above proposed development will require alterations to it's Transmission infrastructure.

ESB consents to this application for works on ESB's Transmission infrastructure which is included as part of the application.

ESB consents solely to the making of this application in respect of it's Transmission infrastructure, and not for any other purpose (including permission to access the infrastructure for the execution of the proposed works).

Regards,

Michael Briscoe

For and on behalf of ESB

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5<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

SSE Generation Ireland Ltd.  
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**Re: Letter of Consent to proceed with planning permission application for proposed works at  
Platin, County Meath  
Applicant: SSE Generation Ireland Ltd.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Meath County Council as the body having effective control over the lands hereby consent to SSE Generation Ireland Ltd. making a Planning application for Strategic Infrastructure Development which includes a 4 bay Air Insulated Switchgear (AIS) 110kV Transmission Substation, at Platin, Co. Meath as per Drawing No. 60581192-0802e at the location Platin, Co Meath .

I would point out that the Council gives this consent in its capacity as property owner and not as a Planning Authority. Nothing herein shall in any way limit the exercise by the Council of its statutory responsibilities as a Planning Authority and in particular should not be taken as an indication of what the Planning Authority's views might be in respect of the proposed development.

Yours sincerely,

**Esther Mulvihill**

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The Secretary  
An Bord Pleanála  
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CRU Ref: D/18/19955

31 October 2018

**RE: SID Status of SSE Generation Plant at Platin, Carranstown, County Meath.**

Dear Sir,

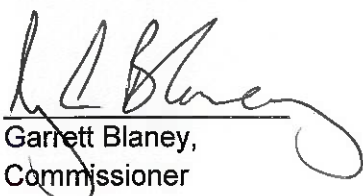
On the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU) published an information paper titled '*Dublin Security of Supply: Measures to mitigate the risk of disorderly exit*' (CRU/18/228). This paper sets out the measures that the CRU has directed EirGrid to take to protect security of the electricity supply in the Dublin region. As the independent energy and water regulator for Ireland, the CRU is required by legislation to have regard to, and to take such measures as it considers necessary to protect security of supply.

The Dublin region has recently experienced high levels of demand growth and this growth is expected to increase significantly over the next number of years at a faster rate than can be supported by existing generation in the region, and network constraints limit the available generation from outside the region. Coupled with this, the Dublin region is an area at greater risk of security of supply issues due to reductions in generation capacity, particularly in the case that an existing generator(s) in the region closes.

As part of the measures noted above, the CRU has directed EirGrid to enter into a contract with SSE Generation Ireland Ltd. to move existing generation plant to Platin, Carranstown, Co. Meath, subject to this being legally possible and all consents required being secured.

The CRU is aware that SSE Generation Ireland Ltd. is now progressing planning and in discussion with An Bord Pleanála around SID status. The CRU verifies that this project is urgent and of strategic importance in the context of protecting electricity supply in the Dublin region. There are limited options to deliver the needed regional support in the short term. As such, where possible, the CRU recommends that this project should be considered SID and processed in a timely manner.

Yours sincerely,



Garrett Blaney,  
Commissioner



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11 July 2018

**Re: Request for Pre-Application Consultations with An Bord Pleanála by SSE Renewables (Ireland) Ltd in respect of a proposed gas oil fired 208MW (electrical output) Peaker Power Generation Plant and 110kV transmission substation at Platin, Carranstown, County Meath.**

Dear Sir,

EirGrid, the Transmission System Operator (TSO) for Ireland is currently engaging with SSE Renewables (Ireland) in regard to the potential relocation of a number of its existing Peaker Power Generation plant to a site at Platin, Carranstown, County Meath ('Platin'). The connection of the units at Platin would provide strategic support to the electricity system and has been the subject of discussion by EirGrid with the energy regulator, the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU), who have asked that EirGrid consider its progression with the utmost urgency in the context of maintaining security of supply of the electricity system.

As a Peaker Power Generation Plant the facility will predominantly be called on to run by the TSO at times of high electricity demand and where necessary to support system operation through the provision of system services.

EirGrid notes that the proposed development consists of the development of a gas oil fired 208MW (electrical output) Peaker Power Generation Plant and associated infrastructure including a new 110kV AIS transmission substation consisting of 8 No. bays, with associated and ancillary development. Subject to planning consent being granted, the AIS transmission substation will ultimately be looped into the existing transmission infrastructure that runs between Corduff, Dublin and Platin, Co Meath. The proposed new 110kV AIS transmission substation will become a meshed substation and will ultimately comprise a transmission system asset, which will be owned by the

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Transmission System Owner (ESB), and operated by EirGrid as part of the national grid.

EirGrid welcomes that SSE Renewables (Ireland) Ltd intends to submit an application for a SID pre-application discussion with the Board for the development. EirGrid would also concur with the opinion of SSE Renewables (Ireland) Ltd that the proposed development should constitute SID and that an EIA is not required for the proposed development having regard to Schedule 5 thresholds for the category of development proposed.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard Dee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "D".

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