

16<sup>th</sup> July

Our Ref: 33891

Mr. Dermot Byrne  
Chief Executive Officer  
EirGrid  
27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street  
Dublin 2

Dear Dermot,

**East-West Interconnector - Route Selection**

I refer to the technical report forwarded by EirGrid to the Commission concerning alternative routes for the East-West Interconnector.

The Commission has considered the report and agrees with EirGrid's recommendation that Woodland transmission station is the optimum point for connection of the interconnector to the Irish transmission system. We understand that the connection point to the British transmission system will be in the North Wales region, the exact point being identified upon receipt of connection offers from National Grid (UK).

We are considering how best to secure system access capacity for the interconnector at Woodlands while taking account of the needs of other market players and will be writing to you on this question.

If you have any queries on the above, please do not hesitate to contact myself or John O'Connell.

Yours sincerely,

Denis Cagney  
Director Energy Networks

Cc: Michael Tutty, Commissioner  
John O'Connell, East-West Project Manager