

7 October 2011

Our Ref: D/11/16152

Mr. Dermot Byrne,  
Chairperson,  
EirGrid Interconnector Limited (EIL),  
The Oval,  
160 Shelbourne Road,  
Dublin 4.

**Re: Application for an Interconnector Operator Licence for the East West Interconnector Project**

Dear Dermot,

I refer to EirGrid Interconnector Limited's ("EIL") application dated 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011, seeking an Interconnector Operator Licence, for the East West Interconnector ("EWIC") project.

Pursuant to Section 14 of the Electricity Regulation Act, 1999, as amended by Section 8 of the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006, the CER hereby grants an Interconnector Operator Licence to EIL.

The CER is aware that the EWIC is currently under construction, but EIL is preparing to auction capacity ahead of its completion date. In view of this, and pursuant to Condition 22 (Application of Licence Conditions) of the Operator Licence, the Conditions outlined below will not come into effect until such time as the auction of capacity will commence and until the construction of the EWIC is complete and operational.

- Condition 10 (Central Dispatch and Interconnector Transfers) and
- Condition 11 (Ancillary Services).

Yours sincerely,



Garrett Blaney  
Commissioner  
Commission for Energy Regulation