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The Commission for Regulation of Utilities
The Exchange
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Re - Consultation Paper: Draft Licence for an Interconnector operating with a Cap and Floor regime

Dear Lucy

EirGrid welcomes the Commission for Regulation of Utilities' (CRU's) consultation on the draft licence for an interconnector with a Cap and Floor regime ([CRU/21/132](#)) which represents a crucial element in the CRU's further development of the regulatory framework for interconnector projects. As the industry continues to transition to a smarter, more flexible and less carbon intensive future energy system, the CRU's continued commitment to ensuring that additional electricity interconnection can be integrated into the existing Single Electricity Market infrastructure is welcome.

As stated in the consultation paper, EirGrid understands that the proposed licence template mirrors the existing EirGrid Interconnector Designated Activity Company licence as closely as possible and will apply to future interconnectors developed under 16A(b) of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 (as amended) (the ERA) where a CRU Cap and Floor regime is applied. EirGrid has been engaging with the Greenlink Interconnector developer and the CRU in relation to both the Interface Agreement, as referred to and defined in the proposed licence template, and the wider regulatory framework which underpins the proposed cap and floor regime through the TUoS tariffs as collected by EirGrid in accordance with the provisions of the ERA. We look forward to conclusion of those discussions and finalisation of the Interface Agreement and wider regulatory framework post CRU approval of the applicable interconnector operator licence in due course.

Yours sincerely

[sent by email and accordingly bears no signature]

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