

Proposed Laois – Kilkenny Reinforcement Scheme

Public Consultation on the Constraints Map

EirGrid is the state-owned independent electricity Transmission System Operator and Market Operator in Ireland. It is EirGrid's role to develop quality connection, transmission and market services to electricity generators, suppliers and customers utilising the high voltage electricity system. It is in this capacity that EirGrid are proposing the Laois-Kilkenny electricity reinforcement scheme.

This reinforcement will ensure that both security of supply and quality of supply are maintained to the overall region, ensuring that both existing and future customers can be adequately catered for.

The proposed new transmission infrastructure will consist of the following:

- A 400/110 kV substation situated to the south east of Portlaoise, County Laois. Location to be determined.
- A 110 kV substation located adjacent to the existing 38 kV electricity substation at Ballyragget, County Kilkenny.
- A 110 kV circuit between the proposed 400/110 kV substation and the proposed 110 kV substation.

Notice was given in this paper in October 2009, seeking public input into constraints within the overall project study area.

This has resulted in the production of a 'Constraints Map' which is now available to be viewed on the project website www.eirgridprojects.com/projects/laoiskilkenny

The Constraints Map forms the basis for the identification of potential route corridors for the 110 kV circuit from the proposed 400/110 kV substation to the South East of Portlaoise, County Laois, to the proposed 110/38 kV substation at Ballyragget, Co Kilkenny.

We are inviting members of the public to view the Constraints Map and make any submissions, comments, information or queries in relation to it. Feedback can be submitted by email, letter or phone or in person on the occasions outlined below. All submissions should be received by EirGrid by close of business on Friday July 23 2010.

Additionally a public information day, where the map will also be displayed, will take place in

- The River Court Hotel, Kilkenny on the 17th June 2010 between 10am-7pm
- The Heritage Hotel in Portlaoise on the 18th June 2010 between 10am-7pm.

All information collected will assist in determining potential routes for the 110 kV circuit. To make an appointment for either of the public information days please contact us through any of the communication channels below.

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