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EirGrid submission to the Climate Action Plan 2024 Public Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

As Transmission System Operator (TSO), EirGrid develops, manages, and operates the electricity transmission system in Ireland, including exploring and implementing opportunities for interconnection. In the 2021 Policy Statement on the Framework for Ireland's Offshore Electricity Transmission System, EirGrid's role as TSO was expanded to incorporate the operation and ownership of Ireland's offshore electricity transmission grid. Our strategy is shaped by climate change and the transition of the electricity sector to low-carbon, renewable energy, underpinned by our purpose to transform the power system for future generations.

We welcome the publication of the Climate Action Plan 2024 (CAP24) and Annex of Actions. The CAP24 is a key enabler for the transformation required across multiple sectors of the economy to achieve the 2030 climate targets including carbon budgets and sectoral emission ceilings and, in the longer term, carbon neutrality by 2050.

We would like to highlight EirGrid's Shaping Our Electricity Future roadmap Version 1.1 which was a key action delivered under the Climate Action Plan 2023. The roadmap outlines a pathway towards meeting the increased 2030 Government targets in a manner which balances technical considerations, cost implications, environmental impacts, social acceptance, and deliverability. It also provides a foundation to support the broader transition to net zero by 2050.

The Shaping Our Electricity Future roadmap takes a whole of system approach and considers transmission network development, public and stakeholder engagement, evolution of system operations and appropriately incentivising electricity markets. It was informed by stakeholder and public engagement feedback, comprehensive modelling and analysis of network reinforcements and detailed reviews of market operations and system operations.

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A decarbonised power system has and will continue to make a critical contribution to the decoupling of the growth of our economy from emissions. We recognise the scale of the challenge in achieving Ireland's 2030 climate targets and are committed to working with DECC and other key stakeholders to deliver the actions set out in CAP24. We remain available for further engagement with DECC as required.

Yours faithfully,

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(Sent electronically)