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16th January 2024

FAO: Evelyn Brownrigg Administrative Officer

**Re: Discharge of Planning Permission Conditions for Unit 1 of Laois Kilkenny
Electricity Reinforcement Project – ABP Reg. Refs. VA0015.**

Dear Ms Brownrigg,

I refer to previous correspondence between ESB and Laois County Council (LCC) in relation to ESBs compliance proposals for Condition 11, in particular the Construction and Environmental Management Plan (CEMP).

Since the first submission of the CEMP, ESB has revised the CEMP in response to issues raised by LCC during its review process. The most recent CEMP submission (an addendum addressing a specific issue) to LCC was dated 16th November 2023, prior to that additional information related to the CEMP was submitted to LCC on 18th September 2023.

In parallel to the CEMP approval process, ESB has been engaging with LCC Environment Department (Simon Walton, Director of Services) in relation to an independent risk assessment. That process has generated a number of minor amendments to the information submitted in relation to the CEMP, in order to satisfy the requirements of the risk assessment. Whilst the risk assessment and CEMP processes are separate, we have been advised by the Director of



Services that it would be prudent to prepare a consolidated CEMP for the purposes of the public file, and for monitoring of planning compliance during the construction stage.

Accordingly, a revised CEMP – Revision 006 has been prepared, incorporating all information in the submissions made to the Planning Department as part of the CEMP and to the Environment Department as part of the Risk Assessment. CEMP Revision 006 serves only to reflect the information contained in existing submissions to LCC and does not present any new information for review.

In order to assist LCC in approving the CEMP we also enclose a separate short document – **CEMP Rev 006 - Explanatory Note**. This CEMP Explanatory Note is intended to aid in the review of CEMP Revision 006, as follows:

- This Explanatory note consolidates the Further Information previously submitted to LCC in relation to the CEMP and the Risk Assessment exercises, and summarises information, where relevant, which has driven a change or addition to the content of the CEMP.
- This Explanatory Note also details where, within the revised CEMP, information has been amended as a result.

In the event any aspect of the compliance documentation is unclear or if additional copies of previous submissions are required, these can be provided. If you have any queries please contact me on 086 8336990 or Brendan.allen@esb.ie.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brendan Allen'.

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