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**Planning Application: Proposed 33kV powerline to connect proposed Curraghinalt Mine Development (Planning Ref: LA10/2017/1249/F) to existing Strabane Main Substation**

**Our Ref: 14/19843**

Dear Sir/ Madam

Please find enclosed planning application seeking full permission for the electricity connection to the proposed Curraghinalt Mine Development (Planning Ref: LA10/2017/1249/F).

This application is being made under NIE Networks statutory and regulatory obligations as set out in the Electricity Order (NI) 1992<sup>1</sup> and NIE Networks' Distribution Licence<sup>2</sup>.

This planning application submission includes:

- 4x P1 Form
- 4x P1 Form Appendices
- Planning Drawings
  - 4x 1:2500 Site Layout Maps (6 sheets each)
  - 4x 1:2500 Site Location Maps (6 sheets each)
  - 4x 1:30000 Proposed Route Map (1 sheet each)
- Construction Drawings and Specifications
  - 4x Pole schedule (detailing relevant heights and construction drawings for each pole structure)
  - 4x Overhead Line Structure Drawings
    - 81-2017-0092 INTERMEDIATE SINGLE POLE POSITION
    - 81-2017-0099 SECTION STRAIGHT THROUGH H-POLE POSITION
    - 81-2017-0101 SECTION ANGLE H-POLE POSITION (2no. drawings)
    - 81-2017-0106 TERMINAL H- POLE POSITION (2no. drawings)
    - 81-2017-0131 INTERMEDIATE H POLE LONG SPAN POSITION
  - 4x Underground cable specification drawing CW33-1D
    - Drawing: 33kV Circuit Section for 3 x 33kV Cables in Ducts
- Planning Fee (Cheque for £848)

As this application is being submitted by NIE Networks, as an Electricity Undertaker, under its statutory obligations, we note that Landowner notification as per Section 42(1) of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 does

<sup>1</sup> Electricity Order (NI) 1992, <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisi/1992/231/contents>

<sup>2</sup> NIE Networks Distribution Licence, <https://www.uregni.gov.uk/sites/uregni/files/media-files/NIE%20Distribution%20Licence%20-%20effective%2029%2001%202019.pdf>

not apply to “an electricity undertaker to place an electricity line above or below ground across any land”<sup>3</sup> as per Section 42(2).

The proposed development connects the existing NIE Networks Strabane substation to a proposed substation building at the mine site; the substation at the mine site is proposed as part of planning application LA10/2017/1249/F.

The proposed 33kV connection is c37.9 km in length, comprising of c26.9 km of overhead line supported by single and double wooden pole sets and c11 km of underground cabling.

c22.8 km of the powerline is within the Derry & Strabane District Council area.

c15.1 km of the powerline is within the Fermanagh & Omagh District Council area.

The boundary, where the powerline crosses between council areas between proposed pole 2220 and proposed pole 2221, is clearly marked on the attached planning maps.

As this proposed powerline spans across two council areas, Derry & Strabane District Council and Fermanagh & Omagh District Council, and 29 townlands, it is not possible to provide a detailed description of the location of the powerline in the space available on the P1 Form. I have therefore attached Appendices to the P1 Form which provide additional information in relation to a number of questions on the P1 Form.

In addition to the site address and project description, the appendices also provide information on the neighbours that qualify for notification (Q.28) under the terms of the Planning (General Development Procedure) Order (NI) 2015.

Yours Sincerely,

**NIE Networks Customer Delivery**



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<sup>3</sup> Planning Act (NI) 2011 Section 42, <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/25/section/42>