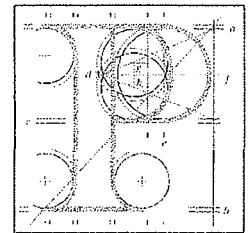


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An Bord Pleanála



Administration Team
Environmental Licencing Programme
Office of Climate, Licencing and Resource Use
Environmental Protection Agency
PO Box 3000
Johnstown Castle Estate
County Wexford

**Environmental
Protection Agency**
15 JAN 2013

15th January, 2013

Re: Construct and operate a gas fired electricity generating station capable of operating in open cycle or combined cycle modes at Lumcloon, Cloghan, Ferbane, County Offaly.

Dear sir/madam,

I have been asked by An Bord Pleanála to refer to your letter dated 10th December, 2012 requesting observations in relation to the above-mentioned application for an Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Licence pursuant to the provisions of the European Union (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2012.

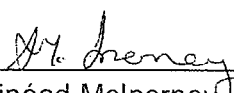
In respect of the Environmental Protection Agency's request for observations, the Board would wish to comment as follows:

- Having carried out an initial inspection of documents on the Agency's website, the Board consider that the activity, subject of current IPPC licence application P0932-01, would appear to be substantially that for which planning permission was granted, subject to conditions, by the Board as strategic infrastructure development, on 12th March 2010 under Board reference 19.PA0015.
- The decision was made by the Board after the carrying out of an environmental impact assessment and following an oral hearing into the case, which was held on 19th and 20th January 2010, and receipt of an Inspector's report on the said case, which includes a section on environmental impact assessment and consideration of key associated issues.

- The Board's website contains a number of documents including the Order in its decision and Inspector's report pertaining to the case. These are available at www.pleanala.ie. In respect of the planning application and EIS furnished to the Board on the 26th August 2009, and the further information response which was submitted to the Board on 21st December 2009, such plans and particulars may be viewed on the following website: <http://www.lumcloonenergypowerplant.com/> or at the Board's offices. The Agency should note that a number of amended drawings were presented at the oral hearing and these are also available for inspection at the Board's offices should they be required, or copies can be provided if necessary.
- The Agency's attention is brought to the issues set out in the Inspector's report and assessment and the Board's final decision, as set out in the Direction and Order, with particular attention to the Reasons and Considerations and Conditions imposed on the grant of permission.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter please contact the undersigned officer of the Board.

Yours sincerely,


Sinéad McNerney
Executive Officer
01-8737295

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