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On behalf of SSE Generation Ireland Limited

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Reg. No.: P0606-04

Request for an Oral Hearing in respect of a licence review from SSE Generation Ireland Limited for an installation located at Great Island Generating Station, Campile, New Ross, County Wexford.

Dear Sir,

Requests for an oral hearing were considered by the Board of the Agency at its meetings of 17 May 2022 and 9 August 2022, in respect of the above referenced licence review.

The Agency has an absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in relation to the objections. The Board of the Agency decided not to hold an oral hearing in this case.

The reasons for the decision not to hold an oral hearing are as follows:

The objections do not raise new issues specific to the location or the activity or introduce significant new information from that assessed during the preparation of the Inspector's Report and Recommended Determination and the material submitted can be assessed by a Technical Committee, who can request additional information, if required.

In addition:

- The activity was assessed against the requirements of the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 (S.I. 477) as amended, the European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations 2009 as amended, as well as the Air Quality Standards Regulations, SI 58/2009 and 180/2011. The licence review included an Environmental Impact Assessment and an Appropriate Assessment of the activity. There have been no changes to the designation of sites in the local environment or changes to the relevant legislation since the Proposed Determination was issued.
- The installation is one of several gas-powered electricity generating stations in the country, characterised by very similar processes and emissions, many of which have been in place for several decades. The installation itself is a relatively large-scale operation with emissions to air and a number of emissions to water.

- In relation to this review it does not result in any significant new emission points to the environment. The screenwash water that was due to be discontinued under the current licence is proposed to continue with tighter emission limits. The impact of this discharge was assessed in the Inspector's Report. The Proposed Determination also updates the licence in line with BAT conclusions for Large Combustion Plant (LCP) sector which tightened air emissions.

The Agency will notify you, in due course, of its decision on this licence review. All documentation relating to this licence review is available for inspection on the Agency's website www.epa.ie including information on objections and submissions.

Yours sincerely,

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