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19 August 2022

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/Madam,

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 Inspectors 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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Request for an Oral Hearing in respect of a licence application/review from for located at , .

Dear Sir/Madam,

Request(s) for an oral hearing **was/were** considered by the Board of the Agency at its meeting of << board meeting date >>, in respect of the above referenced licence application/review.

<<If refusal of OH request by the Board, insert the following 3 paragraphs, otherwise delete>>

The Agency has an absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in relation to an objection. 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:

<<Under the EPA and Waste Management Acts the Agency **MUST** provide a reason – liaise with inspector>>

Insert details here:

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

<<The following 3 paragraphs should also be included in the letter to Objectors who requested an Oral Hearing, otherwise delete>>

In light of this decision the Board of the Agency wishes to assure you that the refusal of your request for an oral hearing does not mean that your objection will receive any less consideration than where a hearing is granted. They also wish to advise that the Technical Committee will deal with your objection in a professional and impartial manner.

The Technical Committee will prepare a report and recommendations having taken into account all the issues raised in your objection. The Board of the Agency will consider your objection together with the report and recommendations of the Technical Committee before making a final decision. This decision will be made as soon as possible and without undue delay. Once the final decision is made you will be notified at the earliest possible date.

The decisions of the Agency are based on objective and independent evaluation of all the issues raised by all parties to a licence application. The Agency is committed to openness,

fairness and transparency in its decision making process and you will have access to all documentation in relation to this licence application including the report and recommendations of the technical committee and the final decision.

<<If granting of OH request by the Board, insert the following 2 paragraphs, otherwise delete>>

Under the above referenced legislation the Agency has an absolute discretion to hold an oral hearing in relation to an objection. The Board of the Agency has decided that an oral hearing of the objection(s) will be held on a date to be decided. The Agency will notify you of the details of the hearing, i.e., the date, venue and time as soon as possible.

Once the hearing is concluded, the Chairperson will make a written report to the Agency and include in the report a recommendation relating to the grant or refusal of a licence/review. The Agency will notify you of its decision having regard to the report of the Chairperson and the objection(s) and the submission(s) made by all parties, in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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