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-----Original Message-----

From: ENV CHAP A

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 3:30 PM

To: CASHMAN Liam (ENV)

Cc: FEDER Maja Dorota (ENV); ENV CHAP A

Subject: FW: Letter requesting meeting with regard to Aarhus Covention and systematic non-compliances of Irish State with Environmental Acquis

-----Original Message-----

From: Pat Swords [mailto:pat.swords.chemeng@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2010 10:40 AM

To: CASHMAN Liam (ENV)

Cc: ENV CHAP; COMM IE INFO REQUEST; ptobrien18@gmail.com; oposull@gmail.com; mikeclucas@hotmail.com; brendancafferty@hotmail.com; jerwaugh@yahoo.co.uk; keith.elliott@pmg.ie; eamonn.devery@pmg.ie; raymond.sexton@hotmail.com; mervyn.wilmot@pmg.ie; WEGERDT Patrick (ENV); HOWES Tom (ENER); AMPATZIS Stephanos (ENV); PAYNE Agata (ENV); POSTELMANS Gerda (ENV); LONG Antoinette (ENV)

Subject: Re: Letter requesting meeting with regard to Aarhus Covention and systematic non-compliances of Irish State with Environmental Acquis

Liam

Thanks for the reply on this. We would like to aim for Friday the 3rd December if it is suitable for yourselves. In general as people are travelling / working outside the country, a Friday is best, but we are willing to consider other options, such as a Monday, if this does not suit your schedule and with the aim that we hold it sooner rather than later. I presume a morning would be the best as you will be looking to get late afternoon flights back home.

The proposed Agenda you already have, which outlines the main areas of concern - there are a lot. As regards numbers we have to finalise this, but it will be at least 10 from our side and quite likely 15. I will revert with a draft list of names and responsibilities over the next few days. Again many thanks for the reply and we look forward to meeting your team.

Regards

Pat Swords

On 11/12/10, Liam-Joseph.Cashman@ec.europa.eu

<Liam-Joseph.Cashman@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

> Dear Mr Swords,

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> I apologise for the further delay in reverting to you.

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> However, I am pleased to confirm that DG ENER is in a position to attend the
> meeting that you propose.

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> Could I therefore invite you to again indicate a range of dates that would
> be suitable for you and your colleagues in the coming weeks (I am not myself
> available 26 November).

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> Yours sincerely,

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> Liam Cashman
> Deputy Head of Unit ENV A.2
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> From: Pat Swords [mailto:pat.swords.chemeng@gmail.com]
> Sent: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 9:21 PM
> To: CASHMAN Liam (ENV)
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> jerwaugh@yahoo.co.uk; keith.elliott@pmg.ie; eamonn.devery@pmg.ie;
> raymond.sexton@hotmail.com; mervyn.wilmot@pmg.ie; WEGERDT Patrick (ENV)
> Subject: Re: Letter requesting meeting with regard to Aarhus
Convention and
> systematic non-compliances of Irish State with Environmental Acquis

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> Dear Mr Cashman

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> It is increasingly obvious to us in Ireland, see attached, and in
other
> Member States, see for example below, that this wind energy programme is
> being driven without any regard to either the staggering economic cost or
> the hardly discernible environmental benefits (if any at all).

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<http://www.spiegel.de/spiegel/print/index-2010-38.html>

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> It is also clear that your colleagues in DG Energy have refused
to accept
> responsibility for the proper implementation of this programme giving due
> regard to the Principle of Proportionality and the Aarhus Convention. This
> is by no means the first time they have refused to properly reply to a
> request related to this programme within the timeframes established by the
> European Code of Good Administrative Behaviour, see below:

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<http://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/resources/code.faces#hl17>

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> If DG Energy are not willing to attend the meeting proposed for

the 1st

> October, then so be it. We would rather go ahead with the meeting and
> exercise the option to make a communication to the compliance committee of
> the Aarhus Convention (<http://unece.org/env/pp/ccBackground.htm>) with
> regard to DG Energy's approval of the REFIT I tariffs and funding of the UK
> / Ireland interconnector, both of which are integral to the Irish Wind
> Energy Programme. A programme which has never been through the proper
> process of Strategic Environmental Assessment and Public Participation and
> for which there has been no costs / benefits review and consideration of
> alternatives.

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> Regards

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> Pat Swords

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> On Wed, Sep 15, 2010 at 10:37 PM, Pat Swords

<pat.swords.chemeng@gmail.com>

> wrote:

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> It seems completely incredible to all of us here that

if billions upon

> billions are to be spent on the renewable energy sector that (a) it can be
> demonstrated that it actually produces improved environmental performance,
> (b) it has been optimised to maximise environmental benefit per unit
> financial cost and (d) that the proper legal procedures with regard to
> access to information, public participation and access to justice have been
> adhered to. For nearly two years I have been pointing out that I can't find
> (a), (b) or (c), such as in the attached, and billions is an awful lot of
> money. That is why it is important that some answers are presented by your
> colleagues in DG Energy.

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> Regards

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> On Mon, Sep 6, 2010 at 4:57 PM,

<Liam-Joseph.Cashman@ec.europa.eu> wrote:

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checking internally as to
> suitability of dates.

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> I note that you wish to raise renewable
energy directives 2001/77 and
> 2009/28. As you indicate, these are DG ENERGY instruments and so we will
> need to check with our colleagues in that DG as to whether they are
> available to discuss these.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: Pat Swords
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Sent: Monday, September 06,
2010 2:27 PM
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Subject: Re: Letter
requesting meeting with regard to Aarhus Covention
> and systematic non-compliances of Irish State with Environmental Acquis
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Dear Mr Cashman
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Thank you for your prompt
reply. Attached is our proposed agenda for the
> meeting. As a number of us are working outside the country a Friday is the
> most suitable day. We would therefore propose Friday 1st October for the
> meeting or a suitable Friday to follow. We propose that Raymond Sexton chair
> the meeting from our side. With regard to the review of the situation in
> Ireland:
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* Keith Elliott,
who was construction manager on the Corrib Gas
> terminal, will present this project supported by Brendan Cafferty of ProGas
> Mayo, who will present the viewpoint of the local community.
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* Mike Clucas will
provide the background to Waste to Energy issues in
> Ireland.
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* Eamonn Devery and
Jerry Waugh will present the background to power
> generation and the renewable energy programme.
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* Oisin O'Sullivan
and myself have several years of experience
> implementing the Environmental Acquis in Central and Eastern Europe and we
> will address issues related to compliance with the Environmental Acquis.
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We will have a number of
others who will wish to attend to hear your

> viewpoints. I would allow at this stage for a further 7 to 8 people but I
> will confirm in the next week or so.

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please do not hesitate to contact us.

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AM, <Liam-Joseph.Cashman@ec.europa.eu>

> wrote:

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this email to which we will be formally responding.

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could you indicate potentially suitable dates for you

> for a meeting from mid-September on as we will need to check schedules here.

> Could you also indicate the persons who would wish to be present to enable

> us to organise a suitable venue. Finally, could you specify the points you

> would like to discuss to ensure that any meeting is focused and can be

> properly prepared.

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August 31, 2010 7:12 PM

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> Elliott, Keith; Devery, Eamonn; raymond.sexton@hotmail.com; mervyn.wilmot

If you have any questions

Regards

Pat Swords

On Wed, Sep 1, 2010 at 10:02

Dear Mr Swords,

Thank you for

In the meantime,

Yours sincerely,

Liam Cashman
Deputy Head of

Compliance

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From: Pat Swords

Sent: Tuesday,

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> Subject: Letter
> requesting meeting with regard to Aarhus Convention and
> systematic non-compliances of Irish State with Environmental Acquis
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> To: Liam Cashman
> / CHAP (2010)00645 / EU Commission in Dublin
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> Please find
> attached letter with regard to the above. We would be
> grateful for a meeting to discuss these issues and the measures proposed to
> resolve the current completely unacceptable situation in Ireland. The
> non-compliances with the Environmental Acquis are leading to huge job losses
> in industrial development. Furthermore the capital and operational costs of
> a policy of 40% of electricity to be generated by renewable sources (mostly
> wind based), which is neither economically or environmentally justified,
> cannot be sustained by this economy and will lead to ever increasing job
> losses in an increasingly uncompetitive manufacturing sector.
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> Regards
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> Pat Swords BE
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