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## [Seatwg] SEAT progress update

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SONI (formally known as NIE) have recently made the third amendment to the 2007 planning application for the overhead Meath – Tyrone interconnector. Our legal team and our planning experts advise us that this planning application must be brought before the Planning Appeals Commission hearing in Armagh to ensure that the many issues not addressed at the postpone hearing in 2012 be adequately addressed.

No doubt SONI have greatly improved the details and amended some errors in their application. However there are many environmental regulations and European laws and economic issues still to be debated at the hearing. Since 2012 planning applications have been lodged in the Republic of Ireland for two high voltage overhead power lines; one proposed line is from Cork via Waterford and Kildare to Dublin. The second proposed line is the West through Mayo and Roscommon. Both proposals have been strongly opposed by all affected landowners and residents along both routes. The opposition was so overpowering that consideration is being given to undergrounding the Mayo – Roscommon overhead high voltage line. If undergrounding is demanded in the West we are also demanding it for the North South interconnector.

Landowners in the Republic of Ireland refuse to enter into any communication with Eirgrid and have delegated their local campaign groups to represent them in any discussions similar to what our land owners agreed with SEAT between 2007 and 2012.

Last week we have asked landowners to sign letter of authority as the previous one is no longer valid. This will

ensure that a united landowner opposition to the overhead interconnector is heard loud and clear by SONI.

Thank you for your continued support in opposition to this proposal. We have been successful for the last eight years in protecting our country side from this very damaging project and we will continue until we finally succeed.

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Yours sincerely

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Regards

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