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1. Irish grid company Eirgrid has today 1st June 2010 withdrawn its application for its part of the 400 kV Meath – Cavan – Tyrone interconnector.
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/foyle_and_west/10461832.stm

2. Objectors' group NEPP write:

“EirGrid have today withdrawn their application, as a result of the numerous deficiencies exposed, including an incorrect public notice. They state that they will submit a new application. This is a serious setback for them, and any new application will have to deal with the major unresolved issues of the original version.”

3. The BBC report says:

“Plans for a cross-border electricity power line have had to be withdrawn following an issue over pylon height.

Planning notices issued by Eirgrid for the Meath-Tyrone interconnector said the maximum pylon height would be 37 metres.

However, during public meetings held in Monaghan it emerged that some pylons could be as high as 44 metres.”

4. For my part, I have been a witness for objectors NEPP <http://www.nepp.ie/> on the subject of health and EMF at the public hearings which have been running this last two months. It has seemed to me that the general approach of Eirgrid with its application and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) have been confrontational and adversarial. I would prefer to see an even handed EIS. Instead, Eirgrid's EIS seems to me both one-sided and contemptuous of genuine alternative interpretations of scientific evidence. This approach would seem likely to harm both public relations and Eirgrid's position in the long run.

5. Stour Valley Underground (SVU) reports on a meeting called by the IPC on 14 June to bring interested parties together on the proposed National Grid 400 kV Bramford – Twinstead line in Suffolk and Essex. SVU “presented a fulsome condemnation of the inadequacy of the consultation as conducted by National Grid”. The IPC is expected to release its own notes of the meeting later this week.
<http://www.stourvalleyunderground.org.uk/>