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WARMEST SEASON'S GREETINGS and best wishes to all our readers. For those in the district, I will be giving the Seventh Annual Christmas Lecture at Welbury Village Hall on Saturday 28 December 4.00 to 5.00 pm on "Flight". It's free and all ages are welcome. It would be helpful to have notice of any who might attend.

1. As events have been moving lately on the Irish North-South Interconnector, I am grateful to Sarah Murphy of Northern Ireland Group SEAT for numerous news links.
2. The Irish News of 10/12/2013 notes in passing that the Moyle Interconnector, between Northern Ireland and Scotland, is "currently running at about half capacity".
3. In Scotland the Press & Journal of 13/12/2013 [reports](#) public 'outrage' at plans for an overhead line south of Inverness.
4. In [Somerset](#) coalition MPs Tessa Munt and Liam Fox "have been holding top level talks about pylons with the Energy Minister Michael Fallon". National Grid's application for the Hinkley Point to Avonmouth line is expected in the spring. The MPs are frustrated about the lack of data and consideration of alternatives such as undersea cables.
5. Over recent years Revolt has encouraged National Grid's progress, from the days when it seemed more hostile to the affected public and totally opposed to undergrounding, to its present "Approach" which volunteers some (a little) undergrounding and recognises some (a very little) precaution on EMFs. It is therefore disappointing when Liam Fox MP is [reported](#) indicating NG's continuing intransigence: "Dr Fox pointed out that in his 20 years as an MP, National Grid had been the most difficult and frustrating of companies to deal with."
6. In the Republic of Ireland divisions in the governing party on the nationwide pylons issue have led to [talk](#) of rebellion. Even the Taoiseach (Prime Minister) Enda Kenny has [called](#) for greater consultation.
7. The final proposed route for Ireland's North-South Interconnector was published 17 December 2013. It seems still to be wholly overhead and with only minor changes resulting from consultation.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-25412348>

<http://www.eirgridprojects.com/projects/northsouth400kVinterconnectiondevelopment/>

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