European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 – 2014

Under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007-2011 (the Regulations) you are entitled to request access to information on the environment that is held by ESB.

Categories of Information you can Request

The information that can be requested is defined in the Regulations as follows:-

"environmental information" means any information in written, visual, aural, electronic or any other material form on:

(a) the state of the elements of the environment, such as air and atmosphere, water, soil, land, landscape and natural sites including wetlands, coastal and marine areas, biological diversity and its components, including genetically modified organisms and the interaction among these elements;

(b) factors, such as substances, energy, noise, radiation or waste, including radioactive waste, emissions, discharges and other releases into the environment, affecting or likely to affect the elements of the environment;

(c) measures (including administrative measures), such as policies, legislation, plans, programmes, environmental agreements, and activities affecting or likely to affect the elements and factors referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) as well as measures or activities designed to protect those elements;

(d) reports on the implementation of environmental legislation;

(e) cost-benefit and other economic analyses and assumptions used within the framework of the measures and activities referred to in paragraph (c); and

(f) the state of human health and safety, including the contamination of the food chain, where relevant, conditions of human life, cultural sites and built structures inasmuch as they are, or may be, affected by the state of the elements of the environment referred to in paragraph (a) or, through those elements, by any of the matters referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c).

Please note that environmental information is already publically available through the Environmental Protection Agency's website or requests can be made directly to the Environmental Protection Agency. Similarly, information submitted by ESB as part of the

planning application process is also publically available through local authority websites or An Bord Pleanála's website.

How to make a Request

To submit a request, e-mail AIERequests@esb.ie

or if you wish write to:- AIE Requests Co-ordinator
Room D2H
ESB
27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street
Dublin 2

All requests should:

- ☐ be made in writing or electronic form,
- ☐ state that the request is made under the AIE Regulations,
- ☐ state your name, address and any other relevant contact details,
- ☐ state as specifically as possible, the environmental information that you require, and
- ☐ if you require access to the environmental information in a particular form or manner, specify the form or manner of access desired.

As provided for under the Regulations, we will try to respond to your request as soon as possible. No later than one month after the receipt of your request we will either respond with a decision or notify you that an extra month is required (as provided under the Regulations) to deal with your request.

Charges

ESB may apply charges for photocopying of documents. Charges will be:

1. Photocopy: €0.04 per A4 page
2. CD: €10.16

Right of Appeal

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information, you can request an internal review within ESB.

To request an internal review, write to: ESB AIE Appeals Manager
Room AG 20
ESB
27 Lower Fitzwilliam Street
Dublin 2

If you are not satisfied with the response from the ESB AIE Appeals Manager, you can then contact the Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Information to submit an appeal, http://www.ocei.gov.ie/en/.