

# Environmental Policy



EirGrid plc is the commercial state-owned company established under Irish and EU law to carry out the role of independent electricity Transmission System Operator (TSO) and Market Operator (MO) in Ireland.

EirGrid's role is to develop, maintain and operate a safe, secure, reliable, economical and efficient transmission system for the benefit of our customers, to deliver quality transmission and market services with due regard for the environment.

We recognise that we have a responsibility to demonstrate sound environmental management, to promote sustainability and to prevent pollution. We will put in place a programme to manage our environmental impacts responsibly through setting strategic objectives, and will endeavour to implement best practice when practicable.

Our aim is to conduct our activities in an environmentally responsible manner. We will actively promote awareness among our employees through appropriate communication and training programmes.

The Environmental Policy is approved by the Safety Policy Committee. Implementation of the Policy will be reported to the Safety Policy Committee and Top Team monthly.

The Environmental Committee, which is made up of staff members from across the business, is responsible for providing the framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets. This is done with due regard for applicable regulatory and other associated requirements.

EirGrid will focus on minimising our environmental impacts in our office based activities and have established a strategic objective of further reducing our Carbon Footprint by 15% on 2009 baseline, through working on areas such as:

- Promoting efficient energy management and utilisation
- Managing office waste and developing recycling initiatives
- Encouraging environmentally responsible business travel and transport arrangements

Additionally, EirGrid will develop the Transmission System with due regard for the environment through sound environmental practices and full compliance with environmental legislation.

This Environmental Policy will be subject to continuous review and improvement.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dermot Byrne".

**Dermot Byrne**  
**Chief Executive EirGrid**  
**2nd March 2010**