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Amendment 11.7

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Electricity infrastructure is an important consideration within the South Dublin County Council Development Plan. In this context, AmCham believes the insertion of a new section 'Policy and Objectives 11.5 Electricity Infrastructure' as proposed may be beneficial (amendment 11.7).

The policy outlined to "protect the existing electricity infrastructure and support the development of a safe, secure and reliable supply of electricity and the development of enhanced electricity networks as well as new transmission infrastructure projects subject to the relevant environmental assessments" would be positive for business and citizens in ensuring advancements are supported to provide for greater energy capacity and security into the future.

Ensuring energy infrastructure is in place to provide for growth within communities across South Dublin, and which factors into the wider infrastructural needs of the region and country will be important in ensuring Dublin remains an attractive location for inward investment.

Objectives outlined in this section, including to support micro grid development, the sustainable development of offshore renewable energy resources, and the reinforcement and strengthening of the electricity transmission and distribution network to facilitate planned growth and support the transmission of renewable energy focused generation will be positive in supporting Ireland's overall climate goals.

AmCham fully supports the Government's commitment to transition to a carbon neutral economy by 2050, as well as the EU's increased decarbonisation target of 55% emission reductions by 2030. Many AmCham members are aligned to more ambitious sustainability targets.

Documents Attached: Níl