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Notification pursuant to Article 4 and 5 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context [Espoo Convention] regarding the *Aurora Line* project

In accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention, Sweden invited Finland to submit comments on the application for the so-called *Aurora Line* project and its associated Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA] on March 30th, 2022. In its answer to the notification, the Ministry of the Environment stated that Finland would participate in the EIA.

On November 1st, 2022, the Swedish Energy Markets Inspectorate [Ei] submitted responses to statements made by the public, various authorities and NGOs in Finland during the Espoo-consultation that took place on April 4 – 20, 2022 regarding the application for *Aurora Line* to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency [SEPA].

Information on the project

The network operator in Sweden, Svenska Kraftnät, and in Finland, Fingrid, plan to develop a 420 kV overhead power line. The new power line will run between the transmission network station Messaure and the Finnish border in Jokkmokk municipality, Övertorneå municipality, Gällivare municipality, Övertorneå municipality and Boden municipality within Norrbotten County. Fingrid will then, in turn, develop the transmission station Pyhänselkä in a separate project.

Participating in the transboundary EIA-procedure

The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency is the responsible authority for submitting and receiving notifications and otherwise fulfilling obligations for the Espoo convention in Sweden, according to the Environmental Assessment Regulation (2017:966).

Sweden kindly asks that potential statements are referred to the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency **no later than December 7th, 2022** by:

1. Acknowledging the receipt of this notification, and
2. Submitting any comments received from the public and authorities in Finland.

Kindly send your answer to this notification by e-mail to registrator@naturvardsverket.se . Please indicate case number: NV-02575-20 and *Aurora Line* in your answer.

This decision has been made digitally and therefore lacks signatures

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Underrättelse om Svk:s bemötande i Esbo-samråd
Aurora Line landskapsutredning 2022-09-30
Bilaga 1. Fotografier och fotomontage
Bilaga 4. Bemötande av inkomna yttranden – Esbo

Aurora Line maisemaselvitys 2022-09-30
Liite 1. Maastokäynnin valokuvat
Liite 4. Kokus saaduista lausunnoista – Espoo