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Finland

Answers from Sweden to the consultation in accordance with Articles 4 and 5 of the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) regarding the planned 400 kV powerline in Keminmaa – Torne älv.

Sweden was invited by Finland to participate in the consultation under articles 4 and 5 of the Espoo Convention in relation to the planned 400 kV powerline in Keminmaa – Torne älv.

Finland has fulfilled their responsibility following from the Espoo Convention by providing the Swedish environmental protection agency (SEPA) with an environmental impact assessment which the developer, Fingrid Abp, prepared. SEPA has in turn invited Swedish government agencies, organizations and other parties to give consultation comments on the assessment.

The consultation carried out by the Swedish EPA in Sweden have been conducted as follows: The report has been referred to 12 central-government agencies, 2 county administrative boards, 3 municipalities, 2 NGO's during the period from 13 February 2020 to 17 April 2020. The documents have also been available on the Swedish EPA website.

Comments were received from *Swedish Transport Administration* (Trafikverket), *The county administrative board in Norrbotten* (Länsstyrelsen i Norrbotten), *Sametinget*, *Haparanda municipality* (Haparande stad) and *Svenska Kraftnät*. All statements and comments are enclosed.

The Swedish Board of Agriculture (Jordbruksverket), *The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency* (MSB), *The Swedish Transport Agency* (Transportstyrelsen) and the *Swedish National Heritage Board* (Riksantikvarieämbetet), stated no comments.

For the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency

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Enclosed:

Comments from Swedish Transport Administration
Comments from the county administrative board in Norrbotten
Comments from Sametinget
Comments from Haparanda municipality
Comments from Svenska Kraftnät

Cc.

The Ministry of the Environment, Emma Sjöberg