All projects of common interest (PCI) infrastructure projects are subject to separate application and approval process for a specific PCI list. Thus, the exact routing of the project that was included in the 1\textsuperscript{st} PCI list in 2013 can differ from the routing in the 5\textsuperscript{th} PCI list even if they have the same name and number. Moreover, in line with Article 7(1) of the TEN-E Regulation\textsuperscript{1}, the selection of a project as a PCI is ‘without prejudice to the exact location, routing or technology of the project’.

The project in question (PCI number 2.17) is called Portugal – Spain interconnection between Beariz – Fontefría (ES), Fontefría (ES) – Ponte de Lima (PT) (formerly Vila Fria / Viana do Castelo) and Ponte de Lima – Vila Nova de Famalicão (PT) (formerly Vila do Conde) (PT), including substations in Beariz (ES), Fontefría (ES) and Ponte de Lima (PT). It does not specify the exact border crossing point, which could have changed from 2013 when the project was included to the 1\textsuperscript{st} PCI list.

The Commission has been made aware by the project promoters about the difficulties to find agreement on the final section of the line up to the cross-border and that alternatives have been submitted and assessed by the Spanish and Portuguese authorities. The exact routing is due to be approved soon and the Spanish project promoter (Red Eléctrica de España) is best placed to provide the latest information.

\textsuperscript{1} https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32013R0347