

Christopher Osborne

From: Stewart, Chris (DFE) <Chris.Stewart@economy-ni.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 June 2016 15:25
To: Christopher Osborne
Cc: Mcllwath, Linda
Subject: RE: NIRO and Grace Periods (non-wind)

Chris,

Thank you for your email of 10 June regarding concerns a member of UFU is having in relation to installing an Anaerobic Digestion plant. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying.

I understand your member's concerns, especially in light of the large sums of money involved for obtaining grid connection. The Renewables Obligation Closure Order (NI) 2015, which came into operation last September closes the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation (NIRO) to all non-wind technologies on 31 March 2017. It also sets out clearly defined grace periods, one of which relates to grid or radar delays. In order for your member to meet the grid or radar delay grace period, they would need to satisfy the criteria set out in the legislation.

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NIRO accreditation and eligibility for grace periods are functions carried out by Ofgem, on behalf of the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation. Ultimately, Ofgem have the responsibility for determining if a generating station meets the requirements for accreditation.

Yours sincerely,

Chris

From: Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]
Sent: 15 June 2016 14:45
To: Stewart, Chris (DFE)
Subject: FW: NIRO and Grace Periods (non-wind)
Importance: High

Good afternoon Chris.

Have you had a chance to look at this as yet? Our member has been given a deadline of 20 June 2016 to accept/refuse and it rapidly approaching.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris

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