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Good afternoon Chris.

I trust you are well.

I have started to receive a number of calls from UFU members in the throes of building Anaerobic Digestion plants. I have one member who has been told that due to upgrade work on the local substation he will not get connected to the grid until July 2017 yet the NIRO for non-wind closes on 31 March that year.

The member in question has a formal offer and is required to pay his deposit to NIE Networks (£135,000 – total grid connection cost close to £600,000) and this needs to be paid before 20 June 2016. You can understand why he is hesitant to proceed as he does not know if he will be able to qualify for a grace period in relation to grid delays.

Can you provide any clarity on this matter?

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

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