

Christopher Osborne

From: Irwin, Greg <Greg.Irwin@uregni.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 June 2016 17:32
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: Re: NIRO and Grace Periods (non-wind)

Hi Chris

Tried to call your offices.

My colleague was checking this out and wasn't in position to come back with final view. Could we, either way, come back on Monday morning if not too late - assume by 20th is close of business?

Greg

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Irwin, Greg
Sent: Friday, 17 June 2016 16:22

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To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: RE: NIRO and Grace Periods (non-wind)

Thanks Chris have passed to a colleague for an answer.

From: Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]
Sent: 17 June 2016 14:50
To: Irwin, Greg
Subject: NIRO and Grace Periods (non-wind)
Importance: High

Good afternoon Greg.

Good to speak to you earlier.

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

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hesitant to proceed as he does not know if he will be able to qualify for a grace period in relation to grid connection delays.

I have spoken to Chris Stewart (Head of Policy at DfE) and he has said that the final decision is down to Ofgem. We have no line of communication with Ofgem and we were hoping that the Utility Regulator might be able to assist?

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Osborne
Senior Policy Officer