

Christopher Osborne

From: Martin, Olivia <Olivia.Martin@detini.gov.uk>
Sent: 15 October 2013 09:18
To: Christopher Osborne
Cc: Harris, Michael
Subject: RE: Energy Bill update

Dear Chris,

Sorry for not getting back to you sooner. I understand that the position is as follows:

Work to develop the small scale FIT continues. DETI hopes to publish later this month a study undertaken earlier this year which analysed the issues that need to be considered in adopting the GB FIT to the NI environment. Our original intent had been to introduce the FIT during 2015/16 however the legislative timescale and practical issues that need to be considered suggest that a more realistic timeframe is 2016/17 or a seamless move from the NIRO to FIT in 2017. The exact date has still to be decided.

I'll be leaving Energy Division soon, so the best person to keep in touch with on renewable support is Michael Harris, whom you know.

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Best wishes,

Olivia

From: Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]
Sent: 10 October 2013 14:50
To: Martin, Olivia
Subject: Energy Bill update
Importance: High

Good afternoon Olivia,

I have received several calls from UFU members asking about the future of support in NI for renewables. I have been able to inform them that the NIROC will close in 2017 for new generation and is to be replaced by a FIT for small scale renewables. The reason I am writing to you is that I recall that you oversaw the Energy Bill consultation for DETI and have been reading the Hansard report on your brief to the ETI Committee. My question concerns the latest position on the Energy Bill and subsequent Small Scale FITs. What is the latest?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Osborne
Senior Policy Officer

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