

Christopher Osborne

From: KINAHAN, Danny <danny.kinahan.mp@parliament.uk>
Sent: 07 July 2016 16:38
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: Re: Inquiry into the electricity sector in Northern Ireland

Have emailed the NIAC staff. Yours Danny

Sent from my iPhone

On 7 Jul 2016, at 12:51, Christopher Osborne <christopher@ufuhq.com> wrote:

Many thanks Danny.

Speak soon.

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From: KINAHAN, Danny [<mailto:danny.kinahan.mp@parliament.uk>]
Sent: 06 July 2016 16:09
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: Re: Inquiry into the electricity sector in Northern Ireland

Thank you..I will chase it up too. All the best . Danny

Danny Kinahan MP

On 6 Jul 2016, at 14:21, Christopher Osborne <christopher@ufuhq.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Danny.

I trust you are well.

I would be grateful if you could have a look at the email below which I have sent to the Committee Clerk at the NI Affairs Committee. I am concerned that the Committee seemed to have missed the UFU as possible contributors to the inquiry. As you are aware we have faced major and often insurmountable barriers in the small scale renewables sector.

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Whilst I notice that the deadline has passed would it be possible to provide either written or oral evidence to the Committee?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Osborne

From: Christopher Osborne
Sent: 05 July 2016 12:35
To: 'coper@parliament.uk'
Cc: 'northircom@parliament.uk'
Subject: Inquiry into the electricity sector in Northern Ireland
Importance: High

Good afternoon Robert.

My name is Chris Osborne and I am the Senior Policy Officer with the Ulster Farmers Union.

It has been brought to my attention that the NI Affairs Committee have launched an inquiry into the Electricity Sector in Northern Ireland, however, the deadline for written submissions closed on 1 June 2016. We cannot understand why this was not brought to

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our attention as we are the largest representatives of the small scale renewable energy sector in NI and we would have welcomed the opportunity to provide written and/or oral evidence to the Committee. Our members have been constructing wind turbines, Anaerobic Digestion plants, solar pv (roof and ground mounted) on their farms for the last 10 years and we believe that we have much to bring to the inquiry. In the last 7 years since I have been responsible for this sector, we have encountered significant barriers in terms of grid connection, government support (including a stalled energy bill at Stormont) and now with the Northern Ireland Renewable Obligation (NIRO) coming to a close our sector is facing an uncertain future.

The NI Affairs Committee Inquiry into the Electricity Sector would be an ideal opportunity for the UFU to not only explain the problems that we have encountered in the energy sector, but it would also allow the UFU to illustrate how we are currently leading the way in attempting to map out alternative vision as to the small scale renewable sector could integrate with the energy infrastructure. For the last 5 years the UFU have advocated what is known as local supply, smart metering, microgrids and on-farm energy storage. This would only be possible with a rejuvenated energy bill in NI.

Since we have missed the deadline would it be possible for the UFU to provide evidence at this stage?

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Chris Osborne
Senior Policy Officer

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