

Christopher Osborne

From: Paul Frew [Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry]
Sent: 04 February 2016 16:59
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: Re: UFU/Simple Power/Wind NI letter sent to DETI Minister

Dear Christopher

Thank you for your email and letter addressing the issues for small scale wind .

I understand the issue more than most and have worked tirelessly on these problems .

It is clear that due to policy decisions by westminster Government in the spring and negotiations by the DETI Minister in the summer that we are dealing with two aspects when dealing with wind and the closure of ROC .

Large scale wind , some 600MW in pipeline which can now qualify for a UK socialised ROC

Small scale wind , some 50MW which unfortunately cannot be grouped in a UK Socialised ROC according to DECC Minister .

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It is my understanding , despite efforts by DETI to decouple large from small scale ,that if the Executive does not close and resolve this issue soon all MW will be lost to a UK ROC (as implied by the hansards around Energy Bill in Westminster) .This will cost NI bill Payers upto and beyond £700 million over the next 20 years for MWs that we do not even require for security of supply .

This is totally unacceptable and will seriously hurt business in Northern Ireland .

The goal here should be getting as much of the 650-700 MW onto a UK socialised ROC which has served generators in NI well over the last number of years and has not burdened NI bill payers disproportionately .

I could not support a continuing NIRO for smale scale that would 'step down 'over a period of 3 years at current levels and values whilst placing all other MW at risk of falling foul of the westminster legislation .This in affect would be a NI socialised ROC .

I am happy to explore new ways of supporting and even incentivising renewable energy and would welcome meeting with you to discuss further .

Regards

Paul Frew MLA

Sent from my iPhone

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On 3 Feb 2016, at 1:50 pm, Christopher Osborne <christopher@ufuhq.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Paul,

Please ignore the last email, I pressed send by mistake, new version of Outlook.

I trust you are well, it has been a while since we last spoke.

This email to you today is following on from a Tweet you posted today regarding a "Northern Ireland socialised ROC". I am sending you a pdf copy of a letter we sent to the DETI Minister on 27 January regarding the early closure. When we gave evidence to the ETI Committee on 19 January it was agreed that we would write to the Minister setting out our own proposals. You will read from the letter that we are not proposing an NI socialised ROC.

Please note that we have requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss to discuss these proposals before making a final decision and he is as yet to reply.

I trust you will find this letter useful and informative.

Chris

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