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From: Blower, Michael <Michael.Blower@detini.gov.uk>
Sent: 21 February 2014 16:47
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: RE: NIROCs

Hi Chris,

Work is ongoing on the development of a small scale FIT for Northern Ireland and the powers for a FIT are being introduced in the forthcoming Energy Bill. It is the Department's intention to introduce a small scale FIT in 2017 to coincide with the closure of the NIRO and DETI will hold a consultation prior to its introduction on issues such as the proposed tariff levels and technologies to be supported.

In June 2013 Cambridge Economic Policy Associates (CEPA) produced a report for DETI on the potential of introducing a small scale FIT in Northern Ireland. The report can be viewed via the following link: http://www.detini.gov.uk/cepa_small_scale_fit_study_final_report.pdf

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In relation to any NIROC changes, a review of small scale banding levels is currently underway and DETI intends to issue a consultation on any proposed ROC changes before summer 2014 with a view of introducing any amended banding levels from 1 April 2015.

Many thanks

Michael

From: Christopher Osborne [<mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com>]
Sent: 21 February 2014 12:47
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Importance: High

Good afternoon Michael,

I have received several queries from UFU members regarding NIROCs for small scale AD and wind. As we know NIROCs are to be replaced by small scale FITs in 2017 and we have replied to several DETI consultations which stated the

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intention to introduce a small scale FIT. Of course, this was only preliminary notice and no further detail has been decided.

I have a couple of questions for you;

1. What is the latest with the small scale FIT? When will we expect a further consultation?
2. Is there likely to be any changes to the NIROC (wind <250 and small AD) in the run up to 31 March 2017?

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris.

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