

**Christopher Osborne**

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**From:** Luke Hargreaves <Luke.Hargreaves@ofgem.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 07 November 2013 14:17  
**To:** Christopher Osborne  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Ulster Farmers Union

Chris

You may have misunderstood me. Arrangements are already in the process of being made. Several members of one of my teams and also someone from RHI will attend this meeting.

Tom Allard, who is out lead on wind accreditations in NI will contact you in due course to agree a time and agenda.

I trust these meets your requirements.

Luke

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**From:** Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]  
**Sent:** 07 November 2013 14:12

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**To:** Luke Hargreaves  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Ulster Farmers Union

Luke,

With all due respect, surely if you head renewable electricity generation it is yourself (or a member of your team) that we should be meeting? We have a large number of farmers building turbines etc and many have queries when it comes to OFGEM accreditation and the UFU were hoping to raise these concerns with OFGEM and to establish a point of contact to address any problems which may occur.

Chris

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**From:** Luke Hargreaves [mailto:Luke.Hargreaves@ofgem.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 07 November 2013 13:49  
**To:** Christopher Osborne  
**Cc:** gary.hawkes@Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Ulster Farmers Union

I will forward your request to the relevant people and they will contact you.

For info, I lead the teams that concern renewable electricity generation. I will liaise with the head of RHI as to her team's availability but I cannot guarantee that people will have capacity to attend.

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**From:** Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]  
**Sent:** 07 November 2013 13:44  
**To:** Luke Hargreaves  
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**Subject:** RE: Meeting with Ulster Farmers Union

Luke,

Yes in a nutshell.

The majority of queries stem from the accreditation process and that would be the primary agenda item for any meeting with yourselves.

I trust this is clear.

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**From:** Luke Hargreaves [mailto:Luke.Hargreaves@ofgem.gov.uk]  
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So you would want representation from both the Renewable Heat Incentive and Renewables Obligation schemes?

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Luke,

Our farming members are involved in all aspects of renewables, heat (AD/Solar PV/Solar heating/Biomass) and electricity (Turbines, CHP etc etc). When I say small scale, it will any capacity up to 250kW for wind turbines and perhaps 500kW for AD, although the majority are <250kW.

Chris.

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**From:** Luke Hargreaves [mailto:Luke.Hargreaves@ofgem.gov.uk]  
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Chris

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Thank you for your email. Where does your main area of interest reside: renewable electricity, renewable heat or both?

Regards  
Luke

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**To:** Luke Hargreaves  
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**Subject:** Meeting with Ulster Farmers Union  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Luke,

My name is Chris Osborne and I am the Senior Policy Officer with the Ulster Farmers Union based in Belfast, Jonathan Buick kindly passed on your contact details.

The UFU are the largest organisation who act on behalf of the land-based sector in Northern Ireland, and with a growing number of our members getting involved in small-scale renewable projects, this is leading to a greater number of them coming into contact with OFGEM.

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To the best of my knowledge there have been no formal meetings between the UFU and yourselves and I feel that such communication is long over due. I had placed 3 email requests to Edmund Ward seeking a contact at OFGEM but he never got back to me and it was only through Jonathan that we were able to get your details.

Myself and my colleague Gary Hawkes are due to attend the ADBA Conference in London on 3 December and I was wondering if it would be possible to meet up with you at the OFGEM offices on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss matters relating to our membership and small scale renewables.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Chris Osborne  
Senior Policy Officer

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