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Sent: 06 December 2016 12:06
To: Christopher Osborne
Cc: McFlynn, Sharon
Subject: RE: Basic Payment Scheme and other land-based payments

Hi Christopher

I have asked my colleagues Sharon McFlynn, who head our Operations Policy Team, to consider and respond to your email below.

Regards.



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From: Christopher Osborne [mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com]
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To: Doherty, Brian
Subject: Basic Payment Scheme and other land-based payments
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Good afternoon Brian.

I trust you are well.

I have been speaking to a UFU member who has been approached by a wind farm company. The company are hoping to lease a large section of hill from him (mostly mountain) and pay him rent for carrying out what they refer to as "re-

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wetting". From what I gather, this is a drainage practice and it is to offset and compensate for peat disturbance elsewhere on the wind farm.

My question is whether or not the farmer is able to claim the BPS should he enter into an agreement with the wind farm? If he is unable to claim the BPS, what would he need to do in terms of notifying DAERA as to changes in circumstance?

Apologies if you are the person to speak to about this, but if you are not, I would be grateful if you could pass this to the relevant member of your staff and ask them to get back to me.

Many thanks

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