



**NORTHERN IRELAND
ASSEMBLY**

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Dear Padraig

At its meeting on 15th December 2011, the Committee for Enterprise, Trade & Investment agreed to contact you to seek clarification in relation to concerns your organisation may have in regarding the proposed deep geothermal project in the Ballymena area. The Committee understands from Ballymena Borough Council that there may be some uncertainty resulting from delays in bringing forward a Renewable Heat Incentive. The committee further understands that the future of the project may be uncertain due to a DETI obligation for renewable energy projects not to impact on the existing or future gas market.

The Committee would be grateful to receive the views of GT Energy on the matter and proposals for what can be done to allay concerns the organisation or Ballymena Borough Council may have.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

Jim McManus

Clerk

Committee for Enterprise, Trade and Investment