

Subject: Funding of Grid Upgrade Development Programme for Renewables
CER/03/016

Dear Clare,

I fully support the Steering Group's proposals on the grid upgrade development programme for renewables. I feel very strongly about keeping our environment pollution free. Expanding the development of our natural wind resource to the maximum would have a very big part to play in this regard. At present there is an interconnector between the North of Ireland and Scotland which sells power to the Republic and a spokesman for the ESB has confirmed that it was possible that some of the power coming through the interconnector could have originated from nuclear sources. Perhaps with the proper development of our own natural resources we would not be dependent on power produced by nuclear energy, the dangers of which are obvious to the public in general. I also feel that the general public would not be opposed to the 0.3% increase in TUoS charges which may be required to fund the proposed development.

Yours sincerely

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