

Dr. Seamus Clarke response:

Dear Mr. Hogan

As an individual who would like to install a Wind Turbine I was interested in your discussion paper. I would suggest that the idea that spill over power be provided for free to the grid is unacceptable.

Firstly this runs against the arrangements that are currently used in many countries in both Europe and North America. The amount of power involved is small but payment would help to subsidise the cost of installing a turbine. People installing these are trying to promote renewable energy and in the absence of any state aid for their installation payment for excess power is necessary. I do not accept that over the lifetime of a domestic connection that ESNB will not make a profit on their investment. Also in view of the SEM which is to be implemented, if domestic electricity micro-generators purchase in Northern Ireland are subsidised by the UK government and then are beneficiaries of netmetering as already happens, then a case of anti-competitiveness might be made to the EU for failure to apply the same rules to those of us the Republic who wish to sell our excess power to the power companies.

Yours Sincerely

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