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Utility Regulator Queens House 14 Queen Street BELFAST BT1 6ED



Dear Madam

RE: CONSULTATION ON THE NORTHERN IRELAND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROGRAMME

At a meeting of Ards and North Down Borough Council on 27th May 2015, Council resolved the following in relation to the changes in the NISEP arrangements.

- 1. The Northern Ireland Sustainable Energy Programme (NISEP) must continue until such time as a suitable alternative scheme is introduced which maintains a high percentage of ring-fenced activity deliberately targeted at low income households in fuel poverty.
- 2. The current tariff placed per KWh is maintained in its current form so as not to further disadvantage the fuel poor.

We would hope that the Utility Regulator would consider these comments in her deliberations and recommendations to the board.

Yours faithfully

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