



4th April 2016

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited,
120 Malone Road,
Belfast, BT9 5HT.

RE: Alternative Connection Application and Offer Process Proposal

Dear Sirs:

As a member of the Irish Solar Energy Association (ISEA) we are writing to indicate our support for ISEA's response to the Northern Ireland Electricity's Network (NIE) *Alternative Connection Application and Offer Process Proposal* on their behalf. As such we would like to re-iterate that, the purpose of this submission is to provide our insights on the suggested policy design, and recommend additional considerations for subsequent policy design.

The key points of this submission are:

- ISEA strongly supports the introduction of interim measures that will facilitate the early issuing of connection offers for the following category of generators:
 - New applications and extensions in areas with transmission capacity;
 - Applications for zero export;
 - Application to over install generation and cap MEC to the existing MEC;
 - Applications for a change in Technology or additional technologies at an existing site
 - Remaining capacity at existing clusters
- In the medium term we request the introduction of the necessary legislative changes for the requirement for planning permission to be reintroduced at the application stage

Thank-you for the opportunity to respond to this consultation, we look forward seeing the final policy design.

Yours faithfully,


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