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BY EMAIL & POST

Dear Mr McKay

**Rose Energy – Proposed Poultry Bedding and MBM Power Plant
Site at Ulster Farm By-Products Ltd, Glenavy
Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999, Regulation 6
(b) – Scoping Opinion**

We write in connection with the above proposal following on from the pre-application discussions held with yourself and colleagues.

The scheme for a proposed 30 megawatt electrical output power station, fuelled by poultry bedding and meat and bone meal – the latter derived from the adjoining rendering plant of Ulster Farm By-Products Ltd – has now progressed to a stage where we are proposing formal submission of a planning application in the new year. As an “EIA Development” we have previously consulted The Planning Service on an informal basis regarding the range of matters to be included within the Environmental Statement; this has now been refined further.

Enclosed is the updated EIA Scoping Checklist and we formally request under Regulation 6 (b) the opinion of The Planning Service as to whether the matters referred to appropriately and sufficiently reflects what is required to be included within the Environmental Statement to accompany the planning application. A non-technical summary will also be included within the Environmental Statement.

There are issues within the EIA Scoping Checklist which will also be covered within the Planning Statement to accompany the planning application, notably BPEO which will be considered together with Need and the economic case for the proposal bearing in mind the Waste Strategy and also the matters referred to in the recently issued consultation draft PPS18, Renewable Energy.

We look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely

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