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Dear Mr Loughran

At its meeting on 25 March 2021, the Public Accounts Committee considered and noted your correspondence dated 18 March 2021.

The Committee confirmed with the Comptroller & Auditor General, who was present at this meeting, that accredited wind generating stations only earn ROCs based on the amount of electricity they generate. It therefore follows that if they are not working, they will not receive ROCs.

If you have any information or evidence contrary to this, I would be grateful if you could forward this to the Committee, in order for us to consider it, as part of our ongoing inquiry into 'Generating Electricity from Renewable Energy.' Please forward any correspondence to the email address above.

Please could you also confirm, that under current GDPR guidelines, you are content that any further correspondence can be forwarded to the Northern Ireland Audit Office for its consideration.

Yours sincerely,

**William Humphrey MBE MLA
Chairperson**

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