



Mr Aidan Moore
Standards in Public Office Commission
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Via email: info@lobbying.ie

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Re: Public Consultation on a Code of Conduct for persons carrying out lobbying activities

Dear Mr. Moore,

I am writing in response to the Standards in Public Office Commission (SIPO) consultation on a Code of Conduct for persons carrying out lobbying activities. SSE is Ireland's second largest energy utility and the country's leading developer and investor in cleaner energy infrastructure. In Ireland, SSE owns and operates 2,061MW of generation capacity, of which 768MW is from its portfolio of onshore wind farms, making SSE the largest generator and provider of renewable energy in the all-island Single Electricity Market.

SSE's retail arm in Ireland and Northern Ireland, SSE Airtricity, provides greener electricity, natural gas and essential services to home and business customers. Through SSE Airtricity Utility Solutions, the company is also Ireland's leading public lighting contractor, maintaining around 250,000 street lights.

As an operator in the Irish energy and utility market, SSE engages with relevant Departments and authorities to work to inform policy development in areas impacting its businesses.

It is in this context that SSE welcomes SIPO's consultation. We believe that lobbying activities are a legitimate means of access to appointed officials and that they can contribute to informed decision making. The nine areas identified in the draft code, and requirements set out in each, should ensure that those involved in engagement activities act in an appropriate and transparent manner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Lisa Fahy'.

Lisa Fahy
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SSE Ireland