

Opening Statement Barry Sharkey of North West PV.

I welcome this opportunity to address the committee about 'Expansion of Solar Power'

I Barry Sharkey am making this presentation on behalf of my company NORTH WEST PV and SMART RENEWABLE ENERGY LTD also the many small existing Solar PV installation companies in Ireland.

We fully support the RESS program for the future development of utility scale solar in Ireland which is necessary to meet our emission targets for 2020 and 2030 and reduce Irelands dependence on imported fossil fuels.

Our submission is about regional development, the creation of long term highly skilled sustainable jobs. Involving the entire community in renewable energy generation. (White Paper 2015).