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Sean, Thanks for a copy of the energy paper being considered by your department as I am personally very interested in these issues and recognize how broadly they will impact society in the future.

At this time, however, it is probably not appropriate for SFI to invest directly in energy research but we would be very pleased to work with you and your colleagues to help you develop competitive, peer reviewed programs -- should you elect to take that path forward. Thus, we would encourage your department to lead this activity overtly and boldly. Our strong support is predicated on the belief that Ireland will benefit greatly by having a diversity of governmental research funding sources rather than just the SFI. International peer review systems are your best guarantee for developing a sound and sensible investment strategy for Ireland. We now have several experienced individuals who can also help your department connect to other energy departments in Europe and the USA, should that prove helpful in your review process in the future.

SFI would be pleased to complement any energy research initiative by helping to support it with possible research professorships, Walton appointments, and to help recruit young researchers to Ireland as well.

Best,

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