

Christopher Osborne

From: Hughes, Seamus <Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 December 2014 13:08
To: Christopher Osborne
Cc: Wightman, Stuart; Kelly, Ashleigh; Sinton, Dan
Subject: FW: Domestic RHI

Chris

Thank you for your email below and it is useful indeed to set out some of the possible scenarios. I have provided responses in red which I hope you find useful. We can discuss these and any further issues that come up at our meeting in January.

Regards

Seamus

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From: Christopher Osborne [<mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com>]
Sent: 15 December 2014 14:46
To: Hughes, Seamus
Subject: RE: Domestic RHI

Seamus,

That's great, thank you.

Would it be helpful if I was to give you a selection of scenarios I have received relating to how the Non-Domestic RHI/Domestic RHI will work side by side? The nature of the queries stem from those members of ours who already have claimed the non-domestic RHI on the farm and now want to claim the Domestic RHI as well.

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Can I claim both? If so, what are the restrictions and conditions?

In theory yes. The Domestic RHI would be for the dwelling house only and should be totally separate from the Non-Domestic installation, (assumes the Non Domestic installation is not also heating the farmhouse).

Does there need to be a separate boiler serving the business and the farmhouse?

To claim through both schemes, yes, two separate systems would be required. However, a renewable heat plant being used to heat business premises (including a separate office or store within the farmhouse) which is eligible for the non-domestic scheme could also be used to heat the farmhouse without the need for a separate domestic renewable heating system.

Can I claim both and sell the heat to a neighbour

No, the Domestic RHI is for heating a single dwelling house only.

I own two houses, can I claim the domestic RHI as I rent out the second house to a farm worker?

Yes, but the second property would have to be metered.

I have a farmhouse and a workshop, the workshop has an outside door, can I claim both? (seems like an odd question but this was asked)

If the workshop is part of the farmhouse then the farmhouse (and workshop) could be eligible for the higher tariffs and longer incentive periods of the Non-Domestic RHI with no need to apply to the Domestic scheme.

These are the type of questions I am beginning to receive.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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From: Hughes, Seamus [<mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk>]
Sent: 15 December 2014 13:23
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: RE: Domestic RHI

Chris

Fine with us, confirmed for 26 January @1.30 pm, room 24A, Netherleigh.

Regards

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From: Christopher Osborne [<mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com>]
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To: Hughes, Seamus
Subject: RE: Domestic RHI

Good afternoon Seamus,

How does 1.30pm on Monday 26 January sound? Netherleigh is okay.

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From: Hughes, Seamus [<mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk>]
Sent: 15 December 2014 13:13
To: Christopher Osborne
Cc: Wightman, Stuart; Sinton, Dan; NI RHI
Subject: FW: Domestic RHI

Hi Chris

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With regard to a meeting I can offer you the following dates in January. Grateful if you could confirm your availability/preference and I will make the arrangements here. Are you happy enough to come across here to Netherleigh?

Monday 19 January
Tuesday 20 January
Monday 26 January
Tuesday 27 January
Wednesday 28 January

Regards

Seamus

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From: NI RHI
Sent: 12 December 2014 12:18
To: 'Christopher Osborne'
Cc: Wightman, Stuart; NI RHI
Subject: RE: Domestic RHI

Hi Chris

It was good to have a chat just now. As discussed it would be useful to have a meeting early in the new year and I will get back to you with a few dates over the next few days.

Regards

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From: Christopher Osborne [<mailto:christopher@ufuhq.com>]
Sent: 10 December 2014 09:58
To: NI RHI
Subject: Domestic RHI
Importance: High

Good morning.

My name is Chris Osborne and I am the Senior Policy Officer with the Ulster Farmers' Union. I have had a query from a member enquiring as to whether or not they would be able to claim the domestic RHI with multiple technology types i.e a biomass boiler and a biomass pellet burner in the same dwelling house? In addition, are there any restrictions on what can be burned in the biomass boiler? Is it permissible to burn whin/blackthorn?

Could you look into this and get back to me?

Many thanks

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