

**Ulster Farmers Union meet OFGEM to discuss Accreditation issues****Chris Osborne Senior Policy Officer****Commodity Watch 11 January 2014**

On 4 December 2013, UFU Rural Enterprise Chairman Gary Hawkes and Senior Policy Officer Chris Osborne met with the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (OFGEM) at their Millbank HQ in London.

OFGEM is the GB government regulator for the electricity and downstream natural gas markets in Great Britain. It was formed by the merger of the Office of Electricity Regulation (OFFER) and Office of Gas Supply (OFGAS).

OFGEM plays a crucial role in the administration of many aspects of Renewables in Northern Ireland. The two main topics for discussion included the NIRHI and the NIRO.

**1. RHI Administration**

Whilst the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive (NIRHI) policy and tariff rates are set by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI), it is OFGEM who oversee the accreditation process. OFGEM confirmed that there are a large number of 99kW biomass boilers awaiting accreditation.

**2. NIROC Accreditation**

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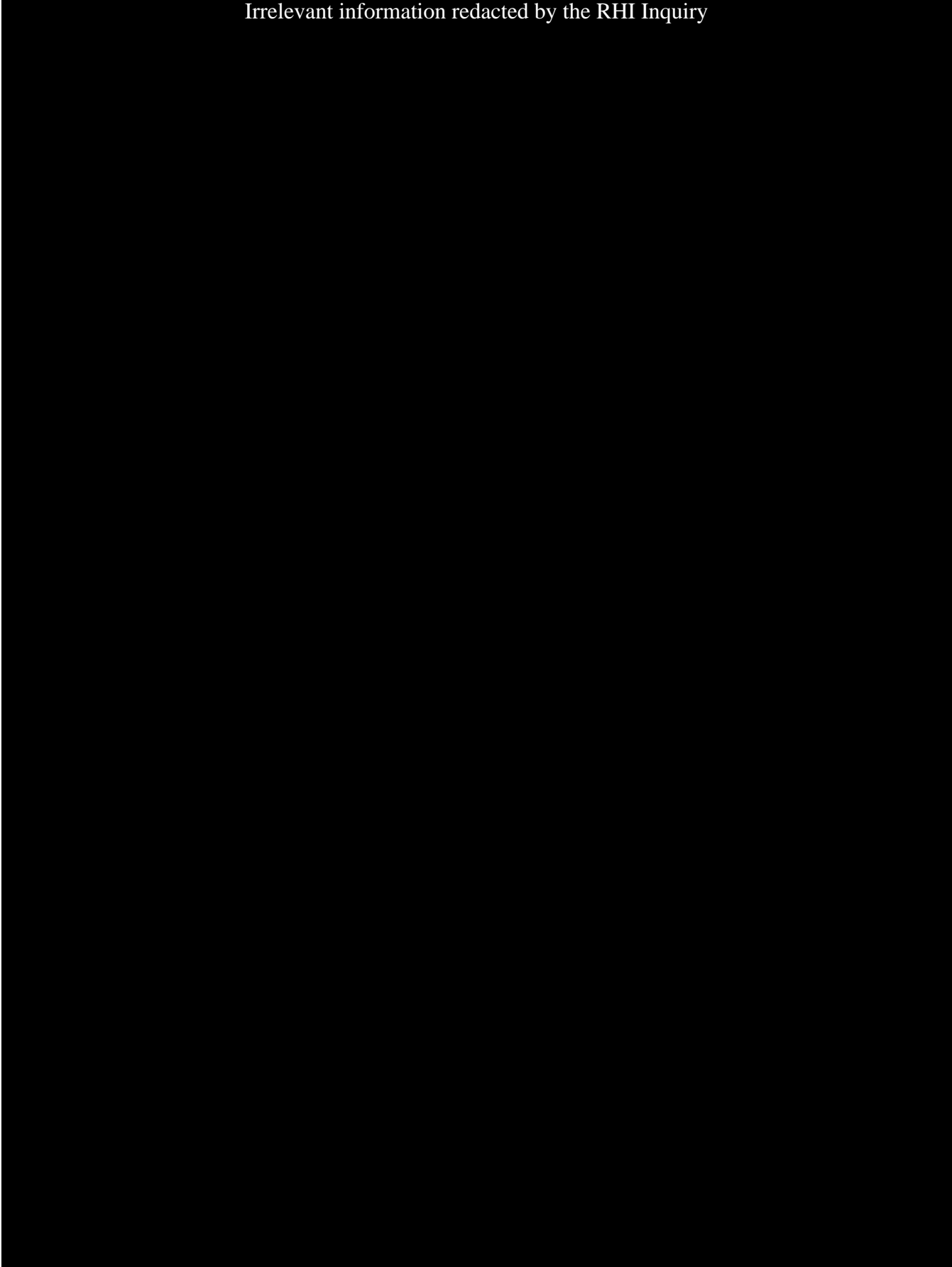
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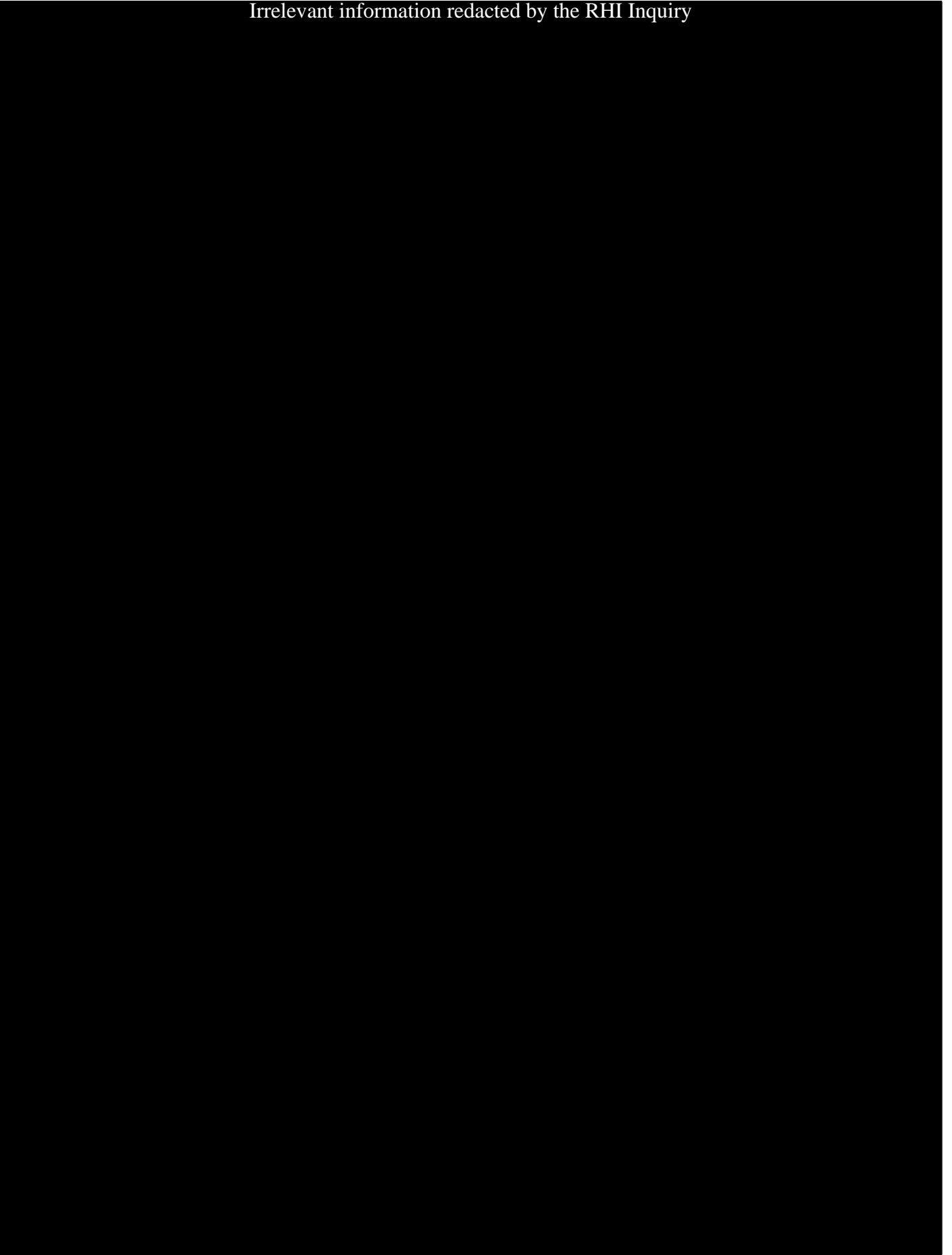


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