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From: Patricia Erwin
Sent: 05 November 2012 16:27
To: Christopher Osborne
Subject: FW: Renewable Heat Incentive [Scanned]
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Chris

Please find for your info – additional input from Ian

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From: Ian Duff [mailto:ianduff@redacted by the RHI Inquiry]
Sent: 02 November 2012 10:55
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Subject: Fw: Renewable Heat Incentive [Scanned]

For information.

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Sent: Friday, November 02, 2012 10:52 AM
Subject: Renewable Heat Incentive

For your information

DETI yesterday (Thursday 1 November) announced that the Northern Ireland RHI scheme is now open for applications.

The Press Release announcing the decision will be found on northernireland.gov.uk/news under the heading "New incentive scheme for renewable heat launched". A scanned copy is attached.

So far as I can see none of the the 13 recommendations for improvement made by BENI were incorporated. This is disappointing – if not surprising. BENI still not listed as information source for biomass fuels.

As a result – disregard the part of the document which states that application should be made on line – this will not be available until February 2013. We suggested that this should be pointed out in the guidance but it is not! If anyone is interested just phone the number provided and they will send you out hard copy applications. The website www.ofgem.gov.uk/NIRHI does not appear to be working yet.

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I phoned Ofgem this morning and they did seem to want to be helpful. I asked about the multiple mushroom house type situation and they do seem to be approving multiple units on the one meter where the distribution pipe is of high spec and heat loss is below acceptable limits. The problem remains that you still have to make the investment and then apply before you can be sure this will be accepted. Once we get a few through this will be less of a risk but a few brave souls will have to test the system.

BENI will need to work quickly on promotion to capitalise on the opportunity.

Ian Duff.

PS Second (Specifiers) leaflet now final and should be on website later today



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UFU welcomes Renewable Heat Incentive

The Ulster Farmers' Union has welcomed DETI Minister, Arlene Foster's decision to launch phase one of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive to non-domestic customers.

UFU Rural Enterprise Chairman Gary Hawkes said; "Renewables are an important alternative land use for farmers and the UFU welcomes Minister Foster's announcement. The non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive is now operational which will hopefully generate a greater demand for renewable heat technologies in businesses across Northern Ireland. This will hopefully generate a greater demand for on-farm farm renewable produce such as biomass."

Gary Hawkes added; "Whilst the UFU welcomes the launch of the Renewable Heat Incentive we will also be encouraging the Government to extend the Renewable Heat Incentive scheme to domestic customers at the earliest opportunity which will allow the sector to grow even further."

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