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Stacey
Agents
le power Ni
Action renewables

Rocs issued once a year
Agent activity busy at present
Stemming from the mar to sept roc issue period

Tom Allard assistant manager
<250kw wind mostly

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Charlie
Fuel team

Edmund Ward
Rhi

Who are OFGEM?

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem), is the GB government regulator for the electricity and downstream natural gas markets in Great Britain.

Formed by the merger of the Office of Electricity Regulation (OFFER) and Office of Gas Supply (Ofgas).

NIROC

OFGEM administers the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation (NIRO) on behalf of the Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation (NIAER).

The Northern Ireland RHI (NIRHI) policy and tariff rates are set by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment (DETI).

OFGEM administer this scheme on behalf of DETI.

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<50kW

The meeting

Gary briefed on situation in NI

Rural sustainability and a rural income

Dual system

First to get approval from OFGEM

Calibration

DEL

Staff changes

Richard was a good OFGEM member of staff First time accreditation for changing technologies What happens if you miss the deadline

OFGEM 16 months to get rocs issued

31 August development

Match up and align with existing legislation

Charlie accreditation side

OFGEM very helpful on quick contact

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Inconsistent staff contact

Farm scale renewable merits

Removal of methane

4 rocs is falling down

Island mode system

Role of small scale digesters

EW merits of RHI

But a lot of 99kW biomass boilers awaiting accreditation

CHP uplift has been suspended.

25 use power and use it wisely

Scale and cost is the problem in NI

Methane is the problem

Animal health improvements would improve with better treatment

Working with del

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Tom Allard

Derating of equipment is a problem

Firms derated larger equipment

Whilst not forbidden it means more work for OFGEM and accreditation times have dragged on Cash flow implications as

it create time delays Declared net capacity Changes the nature of the questions Bonus type turbine 300kW not 250kW

Stall controlled rather than variable pitch control is a part of the degrade process Where it pitches out?

"Suitably reversible" OFGEM requirement

****Advise from OFGEM

Onus that the generator can provide evidence that they are within the legislation Certainty when investing is needed

Curtailement is a big issue as turbine output could be reduced.

No set definition of generating station

Plate of the wind turbine has a minimum

OFGEM what is the maximum?

Endurance 50 says 50 but capable of 80kW Falls within or outside?

Accurate and reliable reporting

Fluctuations

Battery Storage and accreditation implications.

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Legislative criteria is what OFGEM work to when granting accreditation.

Where testing the boundaries

*****Preliminary application and preliminary accreditation to ensure confidence in investment*****

OFGEM Audit - Withdrawal only in times of fraud

Rocs can be withheld and a reduction in roc certificate if there has been too many claimed

Message from the meeting - educate members to ensure a smooth transition process when wishing to connect a renewable generators

Quarterly newsletter in new year

Sent from my iPad

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