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Peter

Thanks for this much appreciated. Ill be more than careful to stay on-message with the UFU.

Has there been any policy progress as regards the DETI position on how the RHI will interact with capital grant schemes? The BPCF has also been delayed by unforeseen circumstances but we would, subject to DFP approval, anticipate opening in August, though are not committing to more than later this year publicly.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks,

Paddy

From: Hutchinson, Peter  
Sent: 22 June 2012 16:29  
To: Savage, Patrick  
Cc: Scott, Peter; Coulter, Kieran  
Subject: RE: RHI - implications for Biomass Processing Challenge Fund

Patrick,

We are awaiting formal approval from the EU Commission on the RHI we have received informal notification that they are content with the scheme and they have subsequently released a PR on the matter but the final paperwork has not yet come through.

The current position is that we are now finalising arrangements and reviewing

legislation with a view to laying subordinate legislation over the summer and seeking a debate on the matter (the legislation is draft affirmative) late September to have the legislation passed and scheme enacted. This is subject to the view of our Assembly Committee. If this went to plan the scheme would be open for applications by end September / early October. We intend to make details of the scheme public over the summer, potentially within the next fortnight, so people can consider the tariffs / banding etc and put installation plans in place if necessary.

As this is not yet public knowledge I would be grateful if you would keep in confidence for now.

In terms of sharing with the UFU you can inform them that you understand State Aid approval is soon to be received and that DETI will be seeking to brief the ETI Committee and provide public information over the summer. The legislation to launch the scheme can however not be passed until after the summer recess so the launch will not be until Autumn 2012.

If you need anything further I am happy to discuss, the key thing is that there has been progress over the last few months/weeks re DFP and EU approvals in place and work is underway on the implementation of the scheme.

Thanks,

Peter

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From: Savage, Patrick  
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Cc: Scott, Peter; Coulter, Kieran  
Subject: FW: RHI - implications for Biomass Processing Challenge Fund

Peter

Good afternoon, hope all is well.

We are meeting with the Ulster Farmers Union next week to discuss renewable energy issues. They have indicated that they would like an update on the RHI proposals. Now I realise that this is a topic which is on the agenda for the Renewable Heat Strategy Group meeting on 4th July but I was wondering if you could give me a quick heads-up as to the latest position at this stage so that I have something concrete to tell the UFU.

Grateful for your help.

Regards,

Paddy

From: Savage, Patrick  
Sent: 22 March 2012 17:26  
To: Hutchinson, Peter  
Cc: Scott, Peter  
Subject: RHI - implications for Biomass Processing Challenge Fund

Peter

Thank you very much for your informative comments by telephone earlier which were very much of assistance. As discussed, I would be most grateful if DARD could be kept involved in any policy discussions regarding the manner in which boilers which have been grant-aided by DARD will be considered for incentivisation under the RHI. As I had mentioned, the timing of this issue could become quite tricky for all parties given that your ministerial announcement is likely to take place either immediately prior to, or during, the Funds re-opening to applications. Our strident view within DARD is that the levels of fuel poverty experienced in rural NI, and the unavailability locally of alternative fuel sources such as gas, should be taken into account when considering whether it is defensible to impose the GB position of Capital grant, no RHI in NI. Our view within CCREB would be that it is entirely appropriate for a farmer to receive a capital grant solely in relation to his installation costs while still being allowed to receive an incentive in the future due to the fact that he is producing renewable heat. Our fear is that if applying for RHI payments would disqualify a farmer from the capital grant, they will simply decide not to commence the project and therefore fail to contribute to renewable energy targets. Like all such matters, if there is a particular local difficulty, then a local solution should be sought.

Grateful if you could keep myself and Peter Scott copied in on all relevant correspondence and I look forward to working with you on this issue.

Regards,

Paddy

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