

Renewable Heat Incentive

- State Aid - Is DETI position affected by their SA?
- BPCF SA allowed compromise on ROCs
- BPCF supports capital installation - danger no uptake amongst farmers if high capital costs remain
- Not politically defensible to blindly follow English lead
- Greater running costs / maintenance time for biomass boiler - needs quarterly service, more time consuming to run
- Given current cost levels, danger people will install 99 kW boiler top up with oil - not ideal - BPCF can allow that
- Unfair to take different position than on ROCs
- CCC says should be making Green Deal finance available in conjunction with RHI
- We have budget availability. Allowing applicants to receive BPCF, then reduced RHI payments will

decrease RHI budget need - free up other monies

- NI highest level of fuel poverty in UK significantly so - 43.7% compared to 16.4% in England & 18.6% UK average (UFG raised) Justification for completely different policy even if business not fuel poor. Gas grid a huge issue
- Is DETI worry that over-enthusiasm will be to the detriment of gas network? UFG see gas unlikely to reach much of NI
- UFG clearly state they believe BPCF & RHI should run side-by-side
- UFG suggest woodchip prices are greater in NI than GB - £10 per GJ at £6-8 per GJ in GB - less woodland in NI
- UFG think AD should be allowed RHI as well as NI ROCs

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Woodchip

- Consultation

- Sustainability criteria

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