

Email Message

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To: Hutchinson, Peter [EX:/o=NIGOV/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1317998]
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Subject: RE: Letter from [Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry] T1- Repayment of grant

Attachments: Letter to [Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry] repayment of grant 8 3 13.doc

Peter

Please see attached for info.

Thanks,

Paddy

From: Hutchinson, Peter
 Sent: 20 February 2013 14:00
 To: Savage, Patrick (DARD)
 Subject: RE: Letter from [Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry] T1- Repayment of grant

Thanks for this Paddy,

So tranche 1 supported 4 biomass boilers and under tranche 2 there is the potential for a further 4? What is the capacity range for these systems from speaking before you had said they would probably be under 100kw is that correct? Do the AD systems tend to be of similar size?

Thanks again for your help.

Peter

From: Savage, Patrick (DARD)
 Sent: 19 February 2013 18:17
 To: Hutchinson, Peter
 Cc: Scott, Peter (DARD); O'Neill, Lynne; Cunningham, Blinnia
 Subject: RE: Letter from [Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry] T1- Repayment of grant

Peter

Congratulations on the new arrival, Im sure youre busy in and out of work now!

Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry [redacted] rung this morning for an update. At the minute, we are just identifying internally how the logistics of repayment will be dealt with (ie how would a BPCF repayment cheque be treated in the large black hole that is the world of government accounts). From a policy perspective, we recognise [redacted] right to pursue what he feels will be a more beneficial financial option however we will be making clear that he should satisfy himself that he will qualify for RHI under the scheme criteria and that repayment of the BPCF grant would be an irrevocable decision which he will take at his own risk. The installation in question was a 80kW wood chip boiler so would be generating a fair amount of heat while remaining eligible for the higher RHI tariff.

Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry [redacted] boiler is one of 4 biomass boilers which remain in possession of Letters of Offer from Tranche One of the Fund (15 applications were initially received, these included AD and biomass boilers).

Tranche 2 closed for applications on 30th November 2012. In all we received 24 applications, 4 of which are in relation to biomass boilers (rest are AD plus one gasification system). Proportionally this is much lower than in T1 when applications were roughly split equally between biomass boilers and AD. Clearly the indication in scheme documentation that recipients of capital grant would not be eligible for RHI impacted on applications from that sector.

Happy to discuss.

Regards,

Paddy

From: Hutchinson, Peter
Sent: 18 February 2013 14:41
To: Savage, Patrick (DARD)
Subject: RE: Letter from [redacted] T1- Repayment of grant

Hi Paddy,

Thanks for the email, apologies for delay in response, I have been out of office on paternity leave a speedy and (slightly) early arrival that caught me off guard!

Has there been anything further on the Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry case? What size of installation was his? Obviously we had anticipated that these scenarios might happen and if people were in the position to return funding in favour of RHI then that could be the case dependent on their expectation on the potential level of incentive payments.

What is the current position re tranche 2 of the funding and the current competition? I ask as we are engaging with consultants at the minute looking at phase 2 of the RHI and were asking about the challenge fund. Would you be able to advise on how many applications you have received or how many projects you expect to fund? If you had any historical information from previous tranches that you could share or information on the current round that would be very helpful.

Thanks,

Peter

From: Savage, Patrick (DARD)
Sent: 08 February 2013 18:13
To: Hutchinson, Peter
Subject: FW: Letter from Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry T1- Repayment of grant

Peter

You may be interested in the attached. Grateful for any views you may have.

Happy to discuss.

Thanks,

Paddy

From: Cunningham, Blinnia
Sent: 07 February 2013 12:19
To: Savage, Patrick (DARD)
Subject: Letter from [redacted] T1- Repayment of grant

Paddy

I have attached [redacted] letter for information and discussion.

Regards

Blinnia