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To: ["Michael Doran";](#)
Subject: FW: Phase 2 of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive
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Good morning Michael,

Have you any involvement with these pre-events like you did for phase 1

Regards
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From: Hutchinson, Peter
Sent: 22 July 2013 16:46
Cc: NI RHI
Subject: Phase 2 of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive

Background

DETI has today launched a public consultation on Phase 2 of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI). The RHI is a mechanism that supports the deployment of renewable heat technologies by providing generators of renewable heating with ongoing incentive payments that are dependent on the size, type and usage of the installed technology. The scheme has been in place for non-domestic customers since November 2012 and a grant scheme known as the Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP) scheme has been in place since May 2012 for domestic customers.

DETI is now proposing to expand the existing RHI to include new technologies and extend the scheme to domestic consumers. The consultation also includes some proposals to revise the administrative process of the current RHI.

Consultation

This consultation covers three primary areas:

- **The introduction of the domestic RHI** section outlines DETI's preferred approach in terms of incentive mechanism, support levels, eligibility standards and methodology for making payments. The chapter also includes discussion on other potential design options and the role that energy efficiency has within the domestic RHI.
- **The expansion of the non-domestic RHI** section considers the expansion of the commercial RHI to include more innovative technologies. This will assist in developing the market and provide further choice for

commercial operators wishing to utilise renewable heating.

- **The setting standards, managing costs and improving performance** section outlines proposed administration changes to the RHI. These include the implementation of standards for biomass sustainability and a new mechanism for controlling costs. DETI also proposes to make some minor changes on heat metering to make the metering requirements simpler, and there are also some minor legislative changes proposed. DETI also wishes to seek views on the issue of introducing air quality standards and enhanced preliminary accreditation. DETI has no immediate plans to introduce either of these measures however wishes to gather the views of stakeholders in advance of further consideration.

A copy of the consultation document is attached for your information and can be accessed at the following link (<http://www.detini.gov.uk/deti-energy-index.htm>).

Consultation events

Depending on the level of interest in this consultation the Department may choose to hold a number of information events for stakeholders in order to present the proposals in more detail, answer questions and take early views on the proposals. It is provisionally planned that these events would take place in Belfast, Armagh and Coleraine, with morning sessions focussed on the domestic RHI and afternoon sessions focussed on the non-domestic proposals. These will be free to attend.

If you would be interested in attending such an event please register at ri@detini.gov.uk, specifying your preferred location (Belfast, Armagh or Coleraine) and the session you wish to attend (domestic, non-domestic or both). Please do this as soon as possible. It is expected that such events would take place beginning of September 2013.

Responding to the consultation

The consultation period will close on **Monday 14 October 2013**. Responses to this consultation should be forwarded to reach the Department on or before that date, and should be sent to by post to:

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If you have any queries regarding this consultation or require the document to be sent to you in a different format please contact ni.rhi@detini.gov.uk