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Subject: FW: Non domestic - RHI
Date: 25 November 2014 14:47:00
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Good afternoon Nadia

We have been approached by Future Renewables in relation to the query set out in the email below. They are alleging that they have been unable to get a response to the query from Ofgem.

We have sought clarification from the installer about the project and can advise on the response as follows:-

- The beds are in a building
- It is **not** a closed building
- The building is **not** heated
- The beds are insulated

Perhaps you could consider and provide guidance that we can pass on to the Installer, or provide a contact in Ofgem that the Installer should engage with.

Many thanks

Regards

Seamus

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Subject: RE: RHPP - RHI

Hi Cait

I was wondering if you could help me with something it's in relation to commercial rhi. I can't get a reply from Ofgem.

We have a potential customer who is interested in the Biomass Boilers but they are asking the question if they will be eligible for the Non-domestic RHI.
They are manufacturers of concrete products e.g. flags, walls and blocks, gravel.
The boilers will be used to heat the concrete beds. Details I have been given building cover 3 sides, concrete hollow core bed, heating with underfloor heating, cover insulated.
Please can you give me some guidance. The company has been in operation since 1960.

Kind Regards
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Dear Clare

Your query below raised with Cait Patterson on 25 November refers.

We have checked with Ofgem and unfortunately the type of building to which you refers would not currently be eligible for support under the NI non-domestic RHI.

Under the Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 eligible heat (used for space, water or a process) must be used within a building. The regulations define a building as:

'any permanent or long-lasting building or structure of whatever kind and whether fixed or moveable which, except for doors and windows, is wholly enclosed on all sides with a roof or ceiling and walls'.

A structure must therefore be both 'permanent or long lasting' and 'wholly enclosed' to be considered a building.

If the structure in question is not wholly enclosed, in that it only has three sides, it would not be considered a building and heat used within it could not be considered eligible under the regulations.

However, the Phase 2 Review of the NI non-domestic RHI will commence early in 2015 and the issue of whether or not heat used outside a building should be eligible if used for a commercial cleaning or drying process will be considered. The GB scheme was amended to facilitate this use in September 2013.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Regards

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