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Subject: RE: McGuckian Milling, Cloughmills, Co. Amtrim - Wood to Energy Plant
Date: 18 September 2015 09:58:57

Good morning John

Your email below and our discussion from yesterday afternoon refers.

You would be able to apply to Ofgem for preliminary accreditation after 31 March 2016 and before 30 September 2016 provided all planning applications etc are in place. I have provided a link below to the current guidance on the Ofgem website, (page 19 deals with preliminary accreditation).

http://www.detini.gov.uk/final_-_ni_rhi_guidance_-_volume_1_-_eligibility_and_application_2_-2.pdf

I hope this is helpful to you.

Regards

Seamus

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Importance: High

Dear Seamus

Thank you for your fast response to my email of this morning.

Could we trouble you for further information please on the qualifying period for the ROCs and RHI – do we understand correctly that if we have our application with you after 31 March 2016 and hopefully accredited before 30 September 2016, with an agreed period for implementation, that this would be valid?

I have tried to telephone you to discuss but could not reach you; I would welcome a call from you. I can be reached at my Dublin number today and tomorrow. (Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry).

Kind regards,

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Good afternoon John

Thank you for the update on the Cloughmills project.

With regard to your query on timing of installations, I can confirm that installations accredited after 31 March 2016 would qualify for the 1.5 ROC and the 3.5 pence per kWh RHI tariff. However, I should highlight to you that the proposed CHP tariffs will only be available to new applications to the RHI scheme up to 30 September 2016. Tariffs for installations made after September 2016 will be subject to further RHI scheme approval and availability of funding. There is nothing to say that further approval will not be forthcoming but I just want to make you aware of this risk.

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Dear Seamus

Just an update for you with regards to the wood to energy plant at McGuckian's, Cloughmills.

Presently we are working on completing the agreed lodgement of the planning permission for the project with the Causeway & Glens Council at Coleraine. It is now 8 months since our first meeting with the Council and lodged our planning permission application in mid-June and while we submitted a number of relevant environmental reports with our submission we were informed on 15th September that we have additional reports to make and that we have to complete an EIS along with the submission.

If this information was presented to us before the end of March which would be normal practise within the UK, it would have presented no difficulty but as it already has created a delay of 6 months and could conceivably take several more months to adjudicate on, it places our project in some difficulty.

One of our concerns is the timing with regards to ROCs. It will now be the 2nd quarter of 2017 before we become electrical. With the suggested 1.5 ROC / MWhe and £35 / MWh for heat with a biomass CHP plant, does this eligibility hold with our planning permission time delay? Both our equity and debt providers are looking for assurance in this regard.

We are still progressing and have a meeting with the planners and three elected MLA's in Coleraine on Friday, 25 September.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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