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**Cc:** [Wightman, Stuart](#); [NI RHI](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Biomass closing date being moved  
**Date:** 15 February 2016 12:37:23

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Dear Ms Cowan-Smyth

Thank you for your email of 14 February 2016 about the closure of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive, (RHI).

Both, (RHI), schemes have been very successful with the non domestic scheme in particular seeing significant uptake during the last 12 months and more so in the run up to the recent scheme changes introduced in November 2015. It is estimated that around 6% of NI's heating needs are now provided through renewable technologies. The Executive's target to achieve 4% renewable heat has been exceeded.

The budget for 2016/17 is already committed to existing RHI recipients. Further funding is not available for new applications. Even meeting existing RHI commitments will require additional funding to be found from the resources available to the Executive.

To help manage these budgetary pressures, the Minister has decided to close both schemes to new applications from 29 February 2016 subject to the approval of the Assembly.

All installations must be completed and commissioned and applications submitted by midnight 29 February 2016 to be eligible for RHI payments.

Regards

Seamus

### Seamus Hughes

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**From:** Jones-McGookin, Mary **On Behalf Of** DETI Mail (DETI)  
**Sent:** 15 February 2016 08:21  
**To:** DETI Energy Mailbox  
**Subject:** Biomass closing date being moved

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Grateful if you would take forward.

Regards,  
Mary

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**Sent:** 14 February 2016 08:59  
**To:** DETI Mail (DETI)  
**Subject:** Biomass closing date being moved

I'm writing this email to whom it may concern with regards to the biomass RHI scheme closing date being pulled forward.

I'm appealing to you to leave it as was to continue to the 31st of March.

As a Moypark turkey farmer we were investing in not only our future but our families future and for the better for the environment.

The stage we are at now on farm is, houses being brought up to date as it's been 20 plus years since houses went up. New feeding systems, drinking systems, Windows to fall in line with EU legislation.

We had secured the funding for biomass with a new gas boiler back up system and letter of intent was in from Moy Park as the houses current heating systems are not efficient and installation would have been done by original cut of date.

I am aware that RHI payback has been cut last oct/Nov. But I find it truly unfair that you are pulling this date forward once again and the impact that this is going to have on each Farm. I feel that the installations that have already occurred in the past, granted not all of them but a few have been abusing the system for their own financial benefit, destroying the possibilities for honest people. Especially the poultry industry as birds perform better.

Could you rethink your decision with regards to the Farms that already have the go-ahead from moypark, I am aware that this may be about 50 farms. Brian Gibson Moypark would be able to confirm numbers.

Surely a heating system that produces better birds would benefit the economy, saying as we produce 40% of the meat in Europe.

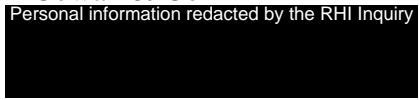
I sincerely hope you put a great deal of thought into this, especially thinking about the poultry industry going forward.

Looking forward to your response.

Geraldine Cowan-Smyth

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**To:** Philip Hughes email redacted by the RHI Inquiry  
**Cc:** [DETI Energy Mailbox](#); [NI RHI](#)  
**Subject:** FW: RHI Grants  
**Date:** 15 February 2016 14:17:09

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Dear Mr Hughes

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**Subject:** RHI Grants

Dear Sir/Madam

I am looking for clarification if the RHI grants are ending and if so when is the cut off date?

Best regards

Philip

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