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**To:** ["Gavin Mackie"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: RHI  
**Date:** 24 February 2016 11:52:02  
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Gavin

Thanks for this confirmation.

Regards

Seamus

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**From:** Gavin Mackie [<mailto:Gavin@larchfieldestate.co.uk>]  
**Sent:** 24 February 2016 11:29  
**To:** Hughes, Seamus  
**Subject:** RE: RHI

Hi Seamus,

Good news I hope...  
We ordered a 199kW biomass boiler from Dragon Heat.

All the very best

Gavin

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**From:** Hughes, Seamus [<mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 24 February 2016 10:59  
**To:** Gavin Mackie  
**Subject:** FW: RHI

Hi Gavin

The Minister has received correspondence in relation to your situation at Larchfield. Could I ask for clarification what size of biomass boiler you are planning to install?

Many thanks

Regards

Seamus

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**From:** Hughes, Seamus [<mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk>]  
**Sent:** 12 February 2016 15:27  
**Subject:** RE: RHI

Hi Gavin

Unfortunately the position is that installations must be completed and commissioned and applications submitted by 29 February 2016 to be eligible for RHI payments.

Regards

Seamus

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**From:** Gavin Mackie [<mailto:Gavin@larchfieldestate.co.uk>]

**Sent:** 12 February 2016 14:59

**To:** Hughes, Seamus

**Subject:** RE: RHI

Hi Seamus,

Thanks for the quick response but this does not answer my question.

Are there any exceptions for people who had orders in for biomass boiler prior to the announcement that the RHI was being stopped? It is totally unrealistic to get our boiler installed within two weeks.

Best regards

Gavin

Gavin Mackie

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**From:** Hughes, Seamus [<mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk>]

**Sent:** 12 February 2016 13:51

**To:** [gavin@larchfieldestate.co.uk](mailto:gavin@larchfieldestate.co.uk)

**Cc:** NI RHI

**Subject:** RHI

Dear Gavin

Thank you for your email regarding the Northern Ireland RHI. Please see the Ministerial Press Release at the link below which sets out the scheme closure arrangements.

<https://www.detini.gov.uk/news/bell-announces-extension-rhi-closure-date>

Regards

Seamus

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### **Please consider the environment - do you really need to print this e-mail?**

**From:** Gavin Mackie [<mailto:Gavin@larchfieldestate.co.uk>]  
**Sent:** 12 February 2016 09:49  
**To:** DETI Energy Mailbox  
**Subject:** RHI

To whom it may concern,

Last week we placed an order for a new biomass boiler and thermal store to heat the barn at Larchfield. The investment for the boiler and store alone is £35,000 and the whole project was going to cost us in excess of £60,000.

This week we have been told that the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) is being stopped in Northern Ireland.

We are now in a very difficult position where we have placed a large order for a boiler with a 2 month delivery based on having RHI payments which are no longer available. To get RHI boilers must be commissioned by the end of the month.

Can there be any exceptions for those people who can prove that the boiler was ordered before any announcements on RHI closure? The whole idea of RHI is to encourage people into alternative energy, and this proposal of such a quick closure will give no trust in DETI for any future plans.

I would have thought that we are exactly the type of client that should be strongly encouraged to use biomass when we have our own trees and regeneration program to provide all the fuel on site.

Look forward to hearing your response,

Yours sincerely,

Gavin