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Dear Helen

**RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE SCHEMES
SUSPENSION**

Thank you for your minute of 4th February and for sending me a draft of the above Regulations. I now return a copy of same with one or two final amendments. My comments on these are as follows.

1. I have made some minor drafting changes to Regulation 23A of the 2012 Regulations and 22A of 2014 Regulations to clarify that the operative provisions about suspension only apply while the suspension notice remains in force.
2. I have also amended Regulation 22A of 2014 Regulations because accreditation is granted under Regulation 21.
3. Strictly speaking, I do not think that Regulations 5, 6 or 9 are necessary in that Regulation 23A of the 2012 Regulations and 22A of the 2014 Regulations make on their face clear that the relevant applications cannot be made or granted (subject to exceptions). Nothing further is, I think, needed. The amendments in question, however, do no harm and I have no objection to them.

Subject to the foregoing, you may now take the Regulations as cleared.

Yours sincerely

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