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Cc: McCutcheon, Joanne

Subject: RE: Impact Assessment - 2011 Energy Bill - NI RHI Powers

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Peter,

I think this is fine and I have only one small suggestion - under key assumptions perhaps you could write "reductions in fossil fuel prices will increase the relative resource cost of renewables and vice versa"

Regards Sam

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From: Hutchinson, Peter
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Subject: Impact Assessment - 2011 Energy Bill - NI RHI Powers

Sam,

As discussed previously, DECC has requested that DETI carry out a high level impact assessment in advance of the tabling of an amendment to the current 2011 Energy Bill to extend general renewable heating powers to Northern Ireland.

I have drafted the attached, as the powers we are taking are very general and no decision has been taken on the method of financial support we can not include specific figures but instead a full narrative. This is similar to DECC's position in 2008 when they took general powers (I have attached their impact assessment for their legislation for your information).

This impact assessment will be attached to the draft clause that will be inserted into the Bill to give the DECC Committee and Parliament an outline of what is being proposed. The clause is to be introduced on 1 June 2011. A full RIA and EQIA will be required in due course when we are going out to consultation on a possible incentive scheme.

Grateful if you would consider and amend where appropriate, I would be keen to get this to DECC by end of this week at latest. If it would be useful to meet to discuss tomorrow let me know.

Many thanks,

Peter

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