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Sam,

As you will be aware the RHI tariffs are scheduled to be revised on an annual basis in line with RPI. The RPI figure is for the calendar year and is set by ONS, for 2012 it was 3.1%. Ofgem have revised the tariffs accordingly. Grateful if you would consider and confirm you are content with the calculations.

The relevant section in the regulations us as follows.

(7) The tariffs—

(a) for the period beginning with the commencement of these Regulations and ending with 31st March 2013, are the tariffs set out in Schedule 3; and

(b) for each subsequent year commencing with 1st April and ending with 31st March, are the tariffs applicable on the immediately preceding 31st March adjusted by the percentage increase or decrease in the retail prices index for the previous calendar year (the resulting figure being rounded to the nearest tenth of a penny, with any twentieth of a penny being rounded upwards).

(8) The Department must calculate the tariff rates each year in accordance with paragraph (7) and publish on or before 1st April of each year a table of tariffs for the period commencing with 1st April of that year and ending with 31st March of the following year.

Thanks,

Peter

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**From:** Karen Wood [mailto:Karen.Wood@ofgem.gov.uk]  
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**Subject:** RPI adjustment for April 2013

Joanne

I tried to call you but will try later as I wanted to discuss this year's RPI adjustment with you. As we have to update our IT system with details of the adjusted tariffs – regulation 36(8) in the NI regulations – the adjusted tariffs for both GB and NI have been passed onto to our IT department to ensure that the adjusted tariffs are put in place to start from 1 April 2013.

However after reviewing the Admin Arrangements on Friday I realised that this is one of the retained functions that DETI have to calculate and publish the adjusted tariffs. We have not yet

published any information about the adjusted tariffs and I wanted to check with you whether DETI had considered this or were working on publishing details of the changes.

I am attaching the details of the adjusted tariffs that we calculated for our IT department. I have also attached the template notice that we use for the GB RHI scheme to publicise details of the adjusted tariffs. We will not be publishing any details of the changes to the NI tariffs but are planning to publish details of the GB changes either towards the end of this week or early next week and it will be helpful to speak so that we can co-ordinate as necessary. My apologies that the calculations have already been made and that this is the first contact we have had about the adjusted tariffs.

Karen

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## RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE – TARIFF ADJUSTMENT

**Tariff adjustment for the year from 1 April 2013**

This note is intended for those with an interest in the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI).

Under the renewable Heat Incentive regulations 2011, we have the function for adjusting the RHI tariffs by the percentage increase or decrease in the retail price index (RPI) for the previous calendar year<sup>1</sup>.

The below table provides the tariff for the period from the start of the RHI up to the 31 March 2013, and the adjusted tariff for the year from 1 April 2013. Heat generated and used for eligible purposes will be paid the 2012-13 tariff up to 31 March, and from 1 April 2013 the new tariff will automatically be applied on the RHI Register.

The increase in the RPI for the calendar year 2012 was 3.1% (see Office for National Statistics: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/cpi/consumer-price-indices/january-2013/cpi-and-rpi-reference-tables.xls> ). The tariffs are therefore increasing by this amount, with the resulting figure being rounded, in line with regulations, to the nearest tenth of a penny, with any twentieth of a penny being rounded upwards.

For further information on the RHI, please see our Guidance Documents and other information on our website: <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/E-SERVE/RHI/Pages/RHI.aspx>.

If you have any queries on the administration of the RHI, please contact us at [RHI.Enquiry@Ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:RHI.Enquiry@Ofgem.gov.uk) or by phone on 0845 200 2122.

<sup>1</sup> Regulation 37(7)b