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Neil

Many thanks for this email to Colin, which he has forwarded to me.

You are correct that a solution to the RHI difficulties will require a revision of the EC's State aid approval and that DG Comp, UKRep, ONIEB and colleagues in BEIS are aware and are helping us progress this notification.

Unfortunately, you will also understand that I cannot discuss this notification with you.

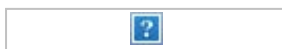
Also, I must ask that you do not contact any of your former colleagues in DG Comp or any other part of the Commission in relation to RHI.

Apologies for asking this, but do hope you understand why this is the case.

Stephen

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Morning Colin

After hearing the news of resignations yesterday and allegations of possible overcompensation I had a look around the web to try and find out a bit more.

From a cursory search it sounds very much like overcompensation may have taken place and therefore the State Aid approval may be flawed especially if the scheme has not stuck to the information provided.

This would have been cleared by my old energy team. Knowing the people who work in that team I am sure they are aware of this and will be watching closely if they have not already contacted your authorities. When you throw in BREXITR as well your authorities may want to think about contacting the Commission about this if they have not already done so before the Commission contact them. From the little I can see I would have thought possible recovery action from some beneficiaries would be the end game the Commission may be working towards. You might want to have a quiet word with the officials dealing with this.

In my experience it is always better to be the proactive partner in these types of situations. Anyway I will leave this with you as it is outside our area and hopefully action is already being taken.

Thanks,

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