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ADMINISTRATION OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE

Thank you for your agreement to consider the administration of the Renewable heat Incentive (RHI) in Northern Ireland. Ofgem's experience in developing and implementing the RHI in Great Britain will be invaluable in the administration of the Northern Ireland scheme given the many similarities in the two incentive measures.

I am writing formally to you to request that you provide an outline proposal in regards to the Northern Ireland RHI. Grateful if you would give an overview of the next steps, timescales and potential costs in delivering the Northern Ireland RHI. Once this proposal has been considered we will then be able to begin the *feasibility study* for this project.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and I look forward to Ofgem and DETI working closely on this matter.

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