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Christine

I note SpAds comments - this issue is specifically covered in both Joanne's submission and the draft response. I do not think the letter needs to be amended, however, please see below some further detail as background :

The methodology for treating additional capacity is dependent on the timescale for the installation of the second boiler. Firstly, additional capacity is defined as plant which is first commissioned after the date on which the original NIRHI installation was first commissioned, uses the same source of energy and technology and supplies heat to the same heating system eg a second biomass boiler installed to heat the same building, it doesn't apply when a different technology is installed. Ofgem must be informed in all circumstances where additional capacity is installed even if the applicant is not seeking accreditation for the new installation.

Where additional capacity is first installed and commissioned within 12 months of the first commissioning date of the original accredited NIRHI installation, the tariff allocated will be for the combined capacity of the two plants. For example if someone initially installs a 90 kw boiler and subsequently adds a second 90 kw boiler within 12 months this will be classed as one installation and the tariff they receive will be for the total capacity of 180kw.

Where additional NIRHI capacity is first commissioned more than 12 months after the first commissioning date of the original accredited installation, the original accredited NIRHI installation will continue to receive the same tariff and have the same lifetime as when it was accredited. The tariff that is applicable for the additional capacity will be determined on the basis of the combined capacity of the original accredited installation and the additional capacity. For example if someone initially installs a 90 kw boiler and subsequently adds a second 90 kw boiler more than 12 months later the original boiler will continue to receive support at the same rate and the additional capacity will receive the applicable tariff for the combined capacity of 180kw.

The regulation prevents scenarios where applicants seek to install a number of smaller boilers in attempt to receive higher incentive payments. This issue was covered in the July 2011 consultation and is detailed in Volume 2 of the guidance documents.

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I refer to COR case 148/2013.

Andrew has made the following comments:

“If 2 boilers are installed at different times will they not attract greater support than a single boiler? Do we need to be referring to the RHI consultation”.

On foot of the comments above from Andrew, grateful for a revised response, to reach Private Office no later **than noon tomorrow Wednesday 17 April 2013.**

Regards

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