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Subject: FW: Renewable Heat Incentive
Date: 09 January 2014 11:32:50
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Christine,

As discussed in relation to COR 515 (Thomas McConnell), this case can now be closed.

Mr McConnell wrote to the Minister on 17 October 2013 advising that his application for the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) had been rejected by Ofgem on the basis he had received a Carbon Trust loan. Subsequently, Mr McConnell sought a formal review of his application whereby DETI had to consider the grounds on which Ofgem rejected the application and determine how his application should be treated. Therefore a holding response was issued to Mr McConnell (attached).

The issue has been considered by DETI and relevant legal advice sought. On 13th December 2013, Mr McConnell was emailed to advise that DETI had revoked Ofgem's decision to reject his application based on the Carbon Trust loan and advised that he should contact Ofgem to continue in the process of having his application accredited.

Therefore, the issue raised by Mr McConnell in his 17 October 2013 has been resolved and he had been appropriately advised by the Department.

If anything further is required on this case please let me know.

Thanks,

Peter

From: McLaughlin, Christine (DETI) **On Behalf Of** Private Office DETI
Sent: 25 October 2013 15:24
To: mail@5corners.co.uk
Subject: Renewable Heat Incentive

Dear Mr McConnell

I refer to your email of 17 October 2013.

Please find attached.

Regards

Christine McLaughlin

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From: Thomas McConnell <mail@5corners.co.uk>

Date: 17 October 2013 11:57:49 BST

To: arlene@arlenefoster.org.uk

Subject: Website Contact:

Reply-To: mail@5corners.co.uk

To: Webmaster

From:

Thomas McConnell

mail@5corners.co.uk

Telephone Number

Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

Message:

Hi Arlene

I have been refused rhi from ofgem on the grounds that i got a loan from carbon trust. i have emails from ofgem and deti stating that the two do not conflict. as i have spent £40k on a system, without RHI I cannot afford to repay the loan. Could you have a look into why I have been refused . Peter hutchinson from Deti is aware of my case
Thank-you thomas McConnell

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25 October 2013

Dear Mr McConnell

Thank you for your email of 17 October 2013 regarding your recent refusal of support under the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) from the scheme's administrators Ofgem.

I understand that discussions are ongoing between DETI officials and Ofgem regarding your application and the eligibility issue relating to the Carbon Trust 0% interest loan.

As these discussions are ongoing I am not currently in a position to provide a fuller response, however, the Minister's Private Secretary will write to you when further information is available.

Yours sincerely

DAMIEN HEGARTY

Correspondence Secretary to Arlene Foster MLA