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Jim

Please see attached updates in respect of the above.

This has been cleared by the Minister.

FOI status: Some parts may be exempt under section 35 of the FOI Act relating to the formulation of government policy.

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**ADDITIONAL REPORT ON AMBER RATED ACTIONS****SEF Action No. 5****SEF Objective**

Put in place legislation to establish arrangements for efficient cross border regulation and management of transmission and trading of gas.

**2012/13 Milestones**

Agree Memorandum of Understanding and draft legislation with Department of Communication, Energy and Natural Resources, Dublin.

**Purpose**

To provide for single operation and regulation of the two wholesale gas transmission networks in Northern Ireland (NI) and the Republic of Ireland (RoI), set in context of EU Internal Market in Gas. It is proposed that parallel NI and RoI Bills will be put in place to include for common duties and responsibilities for Departments, Regulators and a joint regulatory oversight committee. This will be a small enabling Bill and its contents are devolved matters but will require formal NSMC clearance due to its extra-territorial nature. This has been discussed with, and will be arranged through, OFMDFM and NSMC Secretariat.

**Progress**

80% of the Northern Ireland Bill was drafted in September 2011. Work has paused in both jurisdictions to facilitate the two regulators in considering the costs associated with a single balancing point, and the Republic of Ireland regulator to review its cost benefit analysis. The Regulators were also directed to give priority to complete urgent IME2 related compliance work before the summer of 2012, which was not finalised until February 2013. Both studies have been completed and findings are being considered by the respective Departments and Regulators.

New work on the target model for the European Union Internal Market by 2014 will also affect the timetable for a Bill, and the work needed to be compliant may shape the approach to Common Arrangements for Gas.

**SEF Action No 33****SEF Objective**

Publish a Renewable Heat Route Map by March 2011 setting out key actions to achieve a 10% contribution from renewable heat by 2020.

**2012-13 Milestones**

Working with the Renewable Heat Strategy Group to further develop a Renewable Heat Route Map.

**Progress**

The Renewable Heat Route Map will identify all the additional actions required in support of the RHI to maximise the potential of Renewable Heat. The development of the map is to be taken forward by the Renewable Heat Strategy Group and was discussed at the last two meetings of the group. However, while members of the group had a number of suggestions it became clear that the bulk of the work was going to fall on Renewable Heat Branch.

It is not possible, at this stage, to take this work forward at the same time as developing the RHI. Therefore the work has been postponed, with agreement of the Minister, until the significant work required to develop the RHI is completed. (Note: Phase I of RHI has been developed and is fully operational; Phase II development is proceeding well and should be operational by mid 2014). However, the group continues to meet so that all departments are kept aware of progress on the RHI development and to ensure that the final RHI policy addresses cross departmental issues. The next meeting is scheduled for January 2014.