

- Article 18 – model contracts – DECC has appointed consultants to develop model contracts and best practice guidance – on track to complete by end December.

## **Energy Services Agreement Forum**

- Termination letters issued. No further action required.

## **Grid Connections/ ETI Committee Review**

- SEIDWG meeting pencilled into Minister's diary for 15 Jan – NIE and NIRIG to present on grid issues.
- ETI Committee Renewable Energy Inquiry update and SEF implementation update with HOD by end of week.

## **Review of Small Scale ROC levels**

- NIRO biomass sustainability and reporting requirements consultation issued  
Analysing small scale responses.
- Aiming for issue of Government response by early December.

## **RO/ NIRO Closure Order / grace periods**

- Draft consultation document on grace periods drafted.
- Options paper sent to DECC 27/10.
- Consultation needs to issue end Nov/beginning December.

## **Small Scale FIT**

- Still awaiting DSO and DECC legal advice on whether or not NI can join GB Small Scale FIT.
- Perm sec to raise with DECC next week

## **Community Energy**

- Drafting of action plan underway.

## **Other**

- DFP Rating – assessing impact on renewables rates. DFP rating have been in contact re other technologies as well as wind.
- Planning – letter to DOE to be with HOD by end of week.
- ETI committee grid connection report – indicative date for the debate is 1 December. Department will have 8 weeks to respond.

## **ENERGY EFFICIENCY BRANCH (STUART)**

### **RHI Phase 1**

- Change Control agreed with Ofgem (13/10/14)
- Carbon Trust loan issue ongoing – only 3 affected applications remain. Ofgem will issue letter confirming that only option is to pay-back loan
- Through the Domestic Regulations we are amending the Non-domestic RHI Regulations to allow repayment of CT loan -exploring.

- Data sharing issue ongoing – Information Management investigating new service for data transfer and will report back to Energy Division shortly.
- Uptake under the scheme remains positive in comparison to GB figures.

**RHI Phase 2**

- Minister has approved policy and Business Case (30 September) and made initial announcement on scheme. ETI Committee has approved SL1.
- Anticipated Scheme to go live by end November (subject to legislation).
- Responded to DSO queries on draft legislation (23/10/13) - DSO hope to come back this week.
- Terms and Conditions / Guidance documents for scheme being finalised prior to drawing up letters, application forms etc.
- Preparatory work for developing the administrative system being taken forward with IT colleagues –good progress being made.
- Business Case for additional RHI staff has been submitted to DETI Resourcing Group – approval received for RHI SO post.
- Trading Standards Case against Greenhouse Renewables – MCS/DECC have confirmed that those affected households cannot be included on MCS scheme. DSO have confirmed that draft Domestic Regulations allow DETI to include those households affected on the RHI scheme provided boilers can be checked and validated to ensure they meet certain standards. Dan giving evidence at Court Case – 3/11/14

**Energy Efficiency Directive**

- Heat Project Board Meeting 29/10/14 – Agreed action for DETI/DSD/SIB to draft and agree a Strategic Outline Case
- Work underway to develop options for meeting EED Article 7 requirements beyond 2016, including measuring/reporting energy savings from other existing/proposed NI energy efficiency schemes besides NISEP (including OFMDFM's proposed HEaT project).
- Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) – DETI to arrange workshops in November for DECC to provide advice and training on ESOS requirements for business and industry and NIEA's enforcement role.
- UK Project Board established to commission and oversee Article 14(1) Comprehensive Assessment – hope to have estimate of required NI funding contribution in November.
- Article 18 energy labels work – Advertised in press
- Stuart and Alison to discuss transfer of residual EED work/actions.

**2015/16 Budgets**

- DECC received budget of £430m for 2015/16, a DETI share of this would be the order of £10-12m, however, no confirmation has been forthcoming.

**Communications**

- Meeting held with Navigator Blue on 2013/14 research findings.
- RHI advertising plan for 14/15 has been approved
- Business Case – awaiting JM approval.