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Glynis,

As discussed, agenda for Ministerial meeting later today

**Energy Strategic Matters**: Meeting with Minister

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014, 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Venue: Minister's Office, Netherleigh

**AGENDA**

The 4 Strategic Energy Framework Key Goals:

- Building competitive markets
- Ensuring security of supply
- Enhancing sustainability
- Developing infrastructure

Review of SEF 14/15

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1. Markets

- Transparency of costs (ongoing ETI review)
- Market integration (SEM)
- Gas integration?
- *New market entrants*

2. Security of Supply

- Conventional power generation (ETI review)
- Fuel poverty?
- *Emergency arrangements*

3. Sustainability

- Incentivisation of renewables industry (NIRO/EMR)
- Future support for small scale renewables
- Energy Efficiency (EED, demand management, energy efficiency obligation, Energy Bill)
- Community engagement
- *Renewable Heat Incentive Phase 2 (domestic/non-domestic/large)*

4. Developing Infrastructure

- Grid strengthening
- Planning and applications for connection
- N/S Interconnector
- Moyle interconnector
- Community opposition
- *Smart grid & - - -*
- Smart metering
- Gas extension

**Energy Matters: Meeting with Minister**

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**AGENDA**

- 1. Energy Tariffs**
- 2. Policy Direction:**
  - Review of SEF
  - Future support for small scale renewables
  - Grid Strengthening
  - Energy Efficiency Obligation
  - Energy Bill
  - Smart Metering
- 3. Gas to the West**
- 4. North/South Interconnector**
- 5. Security of Supply**
- 6. RHI – Phase 2**

## Background

### Helen

- If something does go forward on the EED, then perhaps legislative provision for AGUs and DSUs might be covered under that banner (if a decision is taken that it's not necessary for the EED to be covered then I wouldn't propose to submit AGUs/DSUs as an issue in its own right as it's just too technical and could be picked up separately).
- Perhaps the EU Services Directive (by the date of the meeting, I would expect the letter to our Minister to be in)? However, this would be a matter for David T to consider given that energy is not the lead. The potential consequences for energy licences are significant although you are aware we are working to minimise the risk.

### Michael

- I'd like to add 'future support for small scale renewables' which could probably sit under the 'policy direction' heading.

### Alison

- On Electricity Market Reform and EED I would not be sure what there would be to discuss with the Minister at this juncture. On EMR we reached a major milestone before Christmas with the publication of strike prices and the Minister is fully briefed. On EED we are on track for transposition.
- Perhaps under "policy direction" it might be helpful to have a discussion with the Minister around the direction of travel on the proposed Energy Efficiency Obligation (that is proposed under the Energy Bill) – around the lines of seeking direction on her desire or otherwise to include the oil industry in the obligation and in light of recent developments in GB around things like ECO and cost to consumers. It would be good to get a feel for whether or not the Minister would like us to revisit the policy around the EEO.
- Also on the Energy Bill it would be helpful to understand the Minister's views on the proposed delay to the Bill.

### Fred

- Perhaps also a brief update on "security of supply" given the debate which took place on 9 December.

### Bill

- I would suggest smart metering as it has cost implications and grid strengthening which is the Department's sole ERDF commitment under the next funding programme.

### Paul

- Would probably need to include 'Review of SEF' under Policy Direction heading.