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Subject: RE: Domestic RHI announcement: July 2013
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Peter

In terms of State Aid approval, the domestic RHI was notified to the Commission on the basis that support for landlords is likely to constitute State Aid as we consider they fall within the definition of an undertaking.

Regarding the TSN, we needed to notify as we refer to technical standards in our regulations (the details of which are set out in the TSN itself).

Incidentally, the following link takes you to the final version of the regulations that were laid before Parliament last week:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/9780111109458/contents>

Hope this helps. Get back to me if you need anything else.

Jacob

From: Hutchinson, Peter [<mailto:Peter.Hutchinson@detini.gsi.gov.uk>]
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To: Andresen Jacob (Heat & Industry)
Subject: RE: Domestic RHI announcement: July 2013

Jacob,

I noticed from a weekly update from the central comms team in DECC that the proposals for the domestic RHI in GB were notified to the EU Commission to seek State Aid approval. Can I ask what the reason was for notifying the scheme to the Commission (and notifying the Regulations re Technical Standards) despite it being primarily a scheme for the domestic market and therefore not classed as a "state aid"?

Thanks for your help,

Peter

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Subject: RE: Domestic RHI announcement: July 2013

Peter

The situation is that the draft regulations are currently out for informal JCSI review. We're expecting a response from the review next week.

We've also made a Technical Standards Notification to the European Commission. As a result, the

draft regulations are in the public domain. They're viewable via the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/tris/pisa/app/search/index.cfm?fuseaction=pisa_notif_overview&iYear=2014&inum=15&lang=EN&sNLang=EN

In terms of planned timescale for laying the regulations in Parliament, we hope to do so on 3 February with a view to them being made on 25 March. These dates aren't for public consumption though, so grateful if you didn't disseminate them outside of DETI.

I hope this helps.

Get back to me if you need more information.

Kind regards

Jacob

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Sent: 14 January 2014 17:07
To: Hutchinson, Peter; Martin Nicola (Heat & Industry)
Cc: Andresen Jacob (Heat & Industry)
Subject: RE: Domestic RHI announcement: July 2013

Hi Peter

I've moved on from the RHI Comms Team and now working on the RHI Strategy Team. Nicola Martin has also left to go on a career break. I've copied my colleague Jacob Andresen who has been working on the domestic regulations who I hope will be able to help you.

Nicola



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Subject: RE: Domestic RHI announcement: July 2013

Nicola / Nicola,

Just wanted to check if there was any update on the Domestic RHI legislation in GB? Can you advise what current stage the legislation is at and whether you have any indication on when you think this might be

tabled / passed in Parliament?

If you are able to provide any information on the legislation, or provide an early draft of the Regulations (in strictest confidence), that would be most helpful.

Many thanks,

Peter

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Dear All

Further to Nicola Barber's weekly update, I'd just like to confirm that we have announced the domestic RHI this morning. Links to documentation and Press Notice below

12 July 2013: A domestic Renewable Heat Incentive

Today sees the publication of DECC's policy document '*Renewable Heat Incentive: the first step to transforming the way we heat our homes*'. This marks a major milestone in achieving our renewable heat goals and builds on the successes of the Renewable Heat Premium Payment scheme, which has seen more than £20m spent on the installation of over 16,000 domestic renewable heat systems over the last two years.

The policy document sets out the framework for providing longer term financial support to households for the installation of renewable heating technologies in summer 2013. We remain committed to opening the scheme for applications in spring 2014.

Alongside the policy statement, DECC is publishing the '*Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive: Government response to the September 2012 consultation proposals for a domestic RHI*' which explains in greater detail the rationale for the final Government position, stakeholder views and comments on original proposals outlined in the consultation document. We received over 400 responses to that consultation, and would like to thank all those that submitted a formal response.

These documents and further guidance documents on the technology eligibility process and metering can be found online [here](#). (There may be a short delay in loading the documents on to the website but please bear with us) **All enquiries should be directed**

to ESAS on 0300 123 1234 in the first instance.

The Press Notice can be found during the following link:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-heat-is-on-for-householders>

A brief summary of how the scheme will work is set out below:

Tariff Levels and Payments

The tariff levels have been set at 7.3p/kWh for air source heat pumps; 12.2p/kWh for biomass boilers; 18.8p/kWh for ground source heat pumps and at least 19.2p/kWh for solar thermal. (*Note – The solar thermal tariff is capped by reference to the level of support offered to offshore wind. The tariff will be at least 19.2p, and possibly up to 21.7p, depending on the decision on the appropriate level of the vfm cap following the outcome of the non-domestic tariff review consultation. The announcement on the final tariff will be made in the Autumn*) Payments will be made on a quarterly basis for seven years. The tariffs have been set at a level that reflects the expected cost of renewable heat generation over 20 years. In most cases, payments will be made based on estimated heat demand of the property. DECC will offer an extra set payment of £230 per year where consumers take out metering and monitoring support packages for heat pumps and £200 for biomass boilers.

Eligible applicants

The scheme will be made available to homeowners, private and social landlords, third party owners of heating systems and people who build their own homes. Anyone who has installed a renewable heat technology since 15 July 2009 and meets the scheme eligibility criteria will be able to join the scheme.

Eligible technologies

RHI domestic will support air to water heat pumps; biomass only boilers and biomass pellet stoves with back boilers; ground and water source heat pumps; flat plate and evacuated tube solar thermal panels.

Scheme requirements

Applicants will need to complete a Green Deal Assessment before submitting their application and must ensure they have met minimum loft (250mm) and cavity wall insulation requirements, where appropriate. All installations and installers must be MCS certified (or certified by an equivalent scheme). MCS certified installers are currently required to be members of the Renewable Energy Consumer Code, which is backed by the Trading Standards Institute.

Applications

Pre-application enquiries should be directed to ESAS on 0300 123 1234. Once open, the RHI for householders will be administered by Ofgem and more details on how to apply will be published in due course.

Non Domestic RHI

The Government continues to make progress towards finalising the details of the expansion of the non-domestic RHI – the first scheme of its kind in the world. We intend to announce the final details of this and the Government response to the non-domestic Early Tariff Review consultation in the autumn and continue to aim to introduce support through these changes in the non-domestic scheme in spring 2014

If you have any queries or would appreciate a briefing, please let me know.

Best wishes

Nicola

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