



INQUIRY INTO THE RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE SCHEME

RHI REF: Supplementary Statement – OFGEM

DATE: 22 June 2018

Witness Statement of: EDMUND WARD

I, Edmund Ward, will say as follows: -

1. I provide this supplementary witness statement voluntarily to the Renewable Heat Incentive Inquiry (“the Inquiry”), in order to assist the Inquiry’s understanding of the matters described below. Details of my background and role at Ofgem can be found in paragraphs 5 to 13 of my first witness statement, dated 9 March 2018 (which is found at WIT-114043 to WIT-114162).
2. I make this statement following a request from the Inquiry to Ofgem dated 13 June 2018. The Inquiry requested the Bates number for the email and / or letter that provided an Ofgem audit report dated 13 August 2015 (OFG-62880 to OFG-62887) (“Audit Report”) to Northern Ireland’s Department for Enterprise, Trade and Investment (“DETI”). That request explains that I stated that the Audit Report was provided to DETI, during my oral evidence to the Inquiry on Thursday 7 June 2018. In preparing this statement I have reviewed the transcript of my evidence.
3. This statement intends to clarify my knowledge about matters relating to the sharing of the Audit Report.
4. I stated that I provided a summary of the findings from the Audit Report to DETI in my first witness statement at paragraph 382 (WIT-114147). In response to the Inquiry’s question “*What, if any, audit information was provided to DETI and how often?*”, I stated:

“Prior to 2015, we did not routinely share the results of audit findings with the Department [DETI]. In response to a request in 2015 to share



information on audit findings, I shared a summary of audit findings from the NI RHI programme to date”

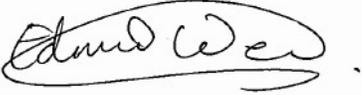
5. In paragraph 382 of my first witness statement, my statement that “*I shared a summary of audit findings*” with DETI refers to an email I sent to DETI providing a summary of the information in the Audit Report. On 14 August 2015 I received a copy of the Audit Report in an email from Amy Powell-Tuck (OFG-62879). In an email dated 16 November 2015 I then provided a summary of the audit findings from the Audit Report to DETI. This email and the accompanying email chain between myself and Stuart Wightman has been disclosed to the Inquiry (OFG-35336 to OFG-35337).
6. I was asked questions on the Audit Report during my oral evidence to the Inquiry on Thursday 7 June 2018 (see pages 85 and 123 to 130, Day 73 of the Inquiry Transcript). Having reviewed that transcript, I note that there is scope for misunderstanding which means the Inquiry may have been left with the impression that I had shared the full Audit Report with DETI. I note that this misunderstanding appears most likely to arise following to a specific passage of my oral evidence.
7. At page 123 of the Transcript Mr Lunny said “*That report [Audit Report] that you mention that you provided to DETI ... it is at OFG-62880, so I'll bring it up. It's sort of omnibus report that was produced in August 2015, telling DETI about all the audits that had been done in Northern Ireland up to that point. Is that correct?*”. I replied “Yes.”. Here I was confirming the nature of the Audit Report in response to the second part of his statement. I did not intend, through this answer, that the Inquiry should be left with the impression that I was confirming that the Audit Report itself was provided to DETI.
8. In the interests of clarity, I confirm that I did not, myself, share the full Audit Report with DETI. My involvement was limited to sharing the summary of the audit findings through the email exchange mentioned above at paragraph 5. I understand that, separate from the provision of this statement, the legal team at Ofgem is undertaking additional enquiries to establish whether there is any evidence of another person sharing the full Audit Report. For the avoidance of doubt, I am not aware of any other person who shared (or would have been likely to share in the course of their normal working responsibilities) the full Audit Report with DETI on



or around this time.

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed:



Edmund Ward.

Dated: 22 June 2018