

Fwd: Urgent cost control and administrative changes to the NI Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Schemes

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Annex A - Final Policy Paper on RHI Proposals (July 2015)(2).DOCX; ATT00001.htm; Annex B - Draft SL1 on Non Domestic RHI Changes (July 2015)(2).DOCX; ATT00002.htm; Annex D - Lines to Take on Domestic RHI Administrative Delays.DOCX; ATT00003.htm; Draft Submission on RHI cost control and administration(4).DOCX; ATT00004.htm; ANNEX C - Lines to Take on changes to NI RHI.DOCX; ATT00005.htm;

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Tim,

Only taking a look at this submission now as I was off last week.

The main problem with the non domestic rhi is that DETI have been caught out by the profile of applications. Deti has received a spike in the number of applications over the last number of months as a result of Moy Park suppliers buying biomass boilers for the rhi scheme before the end of the last tax year, this was very attractive as farmers could get the rhi and write off their investment off against tax as a result of the general investment allowances.

I believe that the majority of Moy Park producers who are going to convert to biomass will already have converted. If you need to get a handle of what is happening in Moy Park you should have a word with David Mark in the company. I can also set up a meeting for you with one of the main biomass installers if you wish.

The word on the street is that there is going to be changes made in October and you are going to get a massive spike in applications before this date, basically the vast majority of people who are going to covert will already have done so.

I am a little confused over what the problem is for the non-domestic scheme. The scheme is being funded from arni and therefore if we go over our 4% target all that will happen is that we will get more than our fair share of the UK pot. I would have thought that this is to NIs advantage bearing in mind we are likely to opt out of the cfd scheme in a couple of years and may not be able to incentivise renewable generation after this date. I suspect that the problem is that we have only got a guarantee of funding for the next couple of years and long term we may have to pay for the scheme out of the NI block- will check this out with dpf but it's something that you might want to query. At the very least you need to provide greater clarity for the committee.

You need to compare the different bands between NI and GB. I think that it is sensible that deti introduce a tariff and reduce this above a certain level to stop potential 'abuse' of the scheme but you need to be careful that they don't reduce it too much. A simple table comparing biomass in NI and GB will quickly resolve this.

Happy to have a word on the phone,

Andrew

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Stephen/Andrew

Attached is latest on the renewable heat initiative for your info and input

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From: Wightman, Stuart
 Sent: 08 July 2015 18:23
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Please see attached Submission (and annexes) for clearance by the Special Advisor and the Minister.

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