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Matthew

Please see email below. At Jo's suggestion, Alison Clydesdale of the Northern Ireland Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment called me to enquire about options for Ofgem implementing the RHI in NI in the future. I explained a little bit about the feasibility process but thought a follow up meeting may be helpful once they have moved on from basic scoping. I don't think at this point we'd want to commit to adding NI into current RHI – particularly as their legislation will be up to a year behind DECC's – when ongoing funding and scope is so unclear. We could perhaps keep in touch over the months leading up to go-live, assuming RHI is going ahead as planned, with the option of a FS for NI inclusion when they are clearer about their plans.

Are you happy for me to get back to Alison with some more information on NSD and an outline of our FS process? If you'd prefer to get in touch, I'd still be interested in being involved in future conversations and considering the options.

As an aside, Alison mentioned they had had consultants working on implementation issues for FITs – I presume from the same consultancy that consultant in offshore who was asking Dale questions worked for.

Thanks

Gareth

From: Clydesdale, Alison [mailto:Alison.Clydesdale@detini.gov.uk]
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Gareth

Nice to speak with you on Wednesday past about the potential implementation of a renewable heat incentive in Northern Ireland.

As I said we are currently behind DECC on our legislation programme for any RHI and if our Minister decides that an RHI is an appropriate intervention for NI we will need some clarity on the funding mechanism as will DECC.

As discussed if a decision is taken here to have an RHI, we would be keen to explore with Ofgem the options for administering the NI element of an RHI - similar to how the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation (NIRO) is administered by Ofgem currently.

We will soon be briefing our Minister on the options for moving RHI forward in NI - we would intend tying any scheme going forward into the MCS accreditation programme - we funded a local company to become an accreditation provider.

Grateful for any views you may have on the feasibility of including NI in the wider administration of any RHI that may emerge.

Best Regards

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