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Paul,

See below some comments and answers to the questions you had asked.

Also, just to confirm the notification re Technical Standards says the following "the text of the draft technical regulation corresponding to this notification was received by the Commission on 25-07-2012. The three month period set by article 9, paragraph 1, of Directive 98/34/EC will therefore come to an end on **26-10-2012.**" Therefore the standstill period ends on 26 October 2012.

Thanks,
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To: Hutchinson, Peter; McCutcheon, Joanne

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Subject: NI RHI Questions

Hi Joanne and Peter,

Further to my phone conversation yesterday with Peter, I'm sending through some questions from our internal developers which I'm hoping you may be able to shed some light on:

1. I have seen a tariff table at the back of the draft regs. but do you know exactly how many tariffs there will be? (GB has 41) Would you be able to provide the GB tariff table to demonstrate the 41 distinctive tariffs? This will assist in breaking down the NI tariffs further – the table in the regs sets out the tariffs however each tariff name can include a number of technologies. Having sight of the GB tariffs table would assist in providing the appropriate NI figures.
2. NI regs mention space, water and process heating - but not "other" which we do have in the GB activity model, this allows users to input something else if their heating system is different – do DETI object to this being the same for NI users? **Content for "other" to be included.**
3. In the NI regs it says ""*must not accredit an eligible installation if it has not been commissioned*" – does this mean there can be no early accreditations (which is allowed in GB)? **This wording is the same as the GB Regulations (Reg 23 (3)). DETI is content with early accreditations along the same procedures as GB, there is a section on preliminary accreditation in the draft Regs.**

4. In the GB scheme, only certain capacities are admitted into the preliminary accreditation process – will the NI scheme mirror this process? **Yes, the NI scheme mirrors this process i.e. preliminary accreditation will only be for large installation (biomass over 200kw and deep geothermal).**
5. In the annual declarations section of the RHI register - GB Regs refer to the ongoing obligations in terms of "I have and I will", would DETI require anything further than GB users in terms of declarations? **I don't think we require anything further.**
6. Do DETI envisage there being any additional reporting frequency for NI than there currently is in GB? **No, I don't think so.**
7. In the GB scheme the RHI payments are made directly from HM Treasury. I know that in NI you receive a lump sum from HM Treasury, but is then administered in NI – could you let me know the name of the organisation/department who distribute the budget/payments for the RHI? **The budget for the RHI lies with DETI. As previously discussed, the payments under the NI RHI scheme will be made by Ofgem with money requested in advance from DETI, for example in the days before payments are due to be made Ofgem will request adequate funds from DETI, these will then be transferred to Ofgem and paid to accredited installers.**
8. In GB scheme, GemServ are responsible for monitoring compliance and reporting on installations with a capacity below an agreed amount as part of the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS). Would this be any different for NI? **This won't be any different. MCS standards will be used for installations under 45kw.**

Sorry to bombard you with these and they may be too specific, but if you do have any answers to these that'd be very helpful,

All the best,

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