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Good Morning all,

Hope you had a good weekend.

Have spoken to Joanne McCutcheon this morning regarding the above. A brief summary of our conversation follows;

- **Live date for the scheme is 1st November.** This date is pretty fixed as DETI will be looking to get the regulations in front of the Assembly in early Oct. They have to be put in front of the committee first for an oral brief and this is going to be done on 13th Sept. Joanne has explained that the committee meeting is a mere formality, they do not have powers to stop or revoke anything. This process is being followed whilst the Regulations are with the EU regarding the Technical Standard Directive and Joanne foresees no issues with this process either time wise.
- **Consultation period 20th Sept – 18th Oct.** Joanne has reconfirmed these dates. Normally a consultation would be 12 weeks however this is for guidance not policy therefore DETI are happy with the shortened time period. Joanne had explained how she sees the consultation working....Ofgem gives 2 dates for the consultation itself which will fall asap within the consultation period window. DETI will organise the events however they will be headed up by a representative(s) of Ofgem on the day.
- **Publication of Guidance.** Joanne is looking for the Guidance to be published on their and our websites on the 1st November. We discussed when this guidance needed to reach her and she said Mon 29th November..which gives 2 full days before the scheme go live date.

I hope that this clarifies things.

Kind Regards

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