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Mc McConnell,

Further to your request for a Statutory review into Ofgem's decision not to accredit your renewable heat installation on the basis that you had availed of a Carbon Trust 0% finance loan (RHI Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry) I wish to inform you that following the review, DETI has revoked Ofgem's decision. You should note the detail in the statement below which will shortly be posted on the DETI website. You will now need to contact Ofgem so that your application for accreditation may proceed.

Regards

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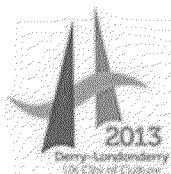
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Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)

On 1 November 2013, DETI received a formal request, under the dispute resolution process for the above scheme, to review a decision taken by Ofgem not to accredit an installation. The issue in question was whether an installation that has availed of a Carbon Trust Loan is eligible to receive the Northern Ireland RHI.

As a result of the review, DETI has revoked the Ofgem decision and considers that an installation that has availed of a Carbon Trust loan is eligible to be considered for accreditation under the Northern Ireland RHI scheme.

In addition, DETI has revised the operating procedures for the scheme. Where an applicant has availed of eligible 'de minimis' aid prior to making an RHI application for accreditation, the RHI aid will be provided on the basis of the European Commission's 'de minimis' regulation, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1998/2006 of 15 December 2006 (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:32006R1998:EN:NOT>).

We will update our Guidance to provide further information for potential applicants in due course. If you have questions on the approach to Carbon Trust loans or 'de minimis' aid, you should contact Ofgem via email to RHI.Enquiry@ofgem.gov.uk.