

- Should point 6 and 7 be amalgamated and reduced – there's a lot of detail?
- A data sharing agreement doesn't actually have to list the principles (point 9). By all means include a reference that they will be complied with and the various issues throughout the agreement should cover the issues they pose but actually listing them only takes up space.
- What is meant by (point 8) 'DETI may also conduct checks of data quality across the scheme'? Is there any way to be more specific as to what this will involve?

As DIM, you should probably have another look at this when it is closer to final draft.

Regards  
Bernard

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**From:** Wallace, Leo  
**Sent:** 16 July 2014 16:10  
**To:** McCaughan, Bernard  
**Subject:** FW: NI RHI Carbon Trust and other matters - possible points for an SRO exchange of letters

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**From:** Mo, Wai Kuen  
**Sent:** 16 July 2014 15:59  
**To:** Wallace, Leo  
**Cc:** Savage, Mark  
**Subject:** FW: NI RHI Carbon Trust and other matters - possible points for an SRO exchange of letters

Hi Leo  
We were discussing about data sharing agreement for sharing of data with external bodies. Attached is data sharing agreement we need to sign for data coming into Energy Branch, planning to use the SFTP facility. Would you have any issues/comments before I submit request to IT Assist.

Thanks

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**To:** Mo, Wai Kuen  
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WK,  
I received this from Renewable Heat but we would still need some guidance on what information Ofgem would need to provide in order for an SFTP service to be setup.  
Mark

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**From:** Hughes, Seamus  
**Sent:** 16 July 2014 13:33  
**To:** Savage, Mark  
**Cc:** Wightman, Stuart; McCay, Davina; Sinton, Dan  
**Subject:** FW: NI RHI Carbon Trust and other matters - possible points for an SRO exchange of letters

Mark  
Please see below and attached from Ofgem. You will note the contact for IT matters is Cheryl Fox.  
Regards  
Seamus

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**To:** Hughes, Seamus

**Cc:** McCay, Davina; Wightman, Stuart; Sinton, Dan; Edmund Ward; Cheryl Fox

**Subject:** RE: NI RHI Carbon Trust and other matters - possible points for an SRO exchange of letters

Dear Seamus,

I work in Edmund's team – specifically on policy/regulatory implementation for the Non-Domestic RHI. Edmund is on leave and he referred your enquiry to me.

In terms of an IT contact, can you/your colleagues liaise with Cheryl Fox ([Cheryl.Fox@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:Cheryl.Fox@ofgem.gov.uk)) in the first instance.

Regarding the type of data involved, this is in Annex A of the draft data sharing protocol that was shared previously. I've attached it again for ease.

I hope this helps. Edmund will be back next week, but if you have any queries in the meantime feel free to get in touch.

Thanks

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**To:** Edmund Ward

**Cc:** Wightman, Stuart; McCay, Davina; Sinton, Dan

**Subject:** RE: NI RHI Carbon Trust and other matters - possible points for an SRO exchange of letters

Edmund

In terms of the data transfer issue I can advise that DETI IT met yesterday, (Wednesday), with the overarching NICS IT Group to further consider the secure file transfer system for which RHI will be a pilot project for DETI. It is looking like it will go ahead but our IT colleagues will require more detail on who will be transferring the data and the types of data involved. In this regard it would be helpful if Ofgem could provide detail on the nature of the data held and also a relevant IT contact within Ofgem who can liaise with DETI IT on the technical details.

Regarding the timetable for scheme changes it is still early in our internal consideration at this point so there is nothing definitive to advise at this juncture. However, we are fully aware of the need to keep everyone in the loop as the matter is progressed and we certainly be liaising closely with you and your colleagues on the matter over the coming time.

I hope this is helpful to you.

Regards

Seamus

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**Cc:** Wightman, Stuart; McCay, Davina; Sinton, Dan; Teri Clifton

**Subject:** RE: NI RHI Carbon Trust and other matters - possible points for an SRO exchange of letters

Seamus, [Stuart, Davina]

Further to my previous, in preparing for any response from Chris to Stuart on the Carbon Trust matter, I just wanted to clarify where we are at a working level on the other matters that Chris and Gareth John previously discussed with John Mills.

Some of this is set out in the wider issue summary below - please do let me know if any of these are not in line with your understanding.

Picking up a couple of specifics:

-on data sharing I wondered if there'd been any update from your IT colleagues on the data transfer protocol?

-on regulatory/scheme changes, I wondered if your plans were any further advanced with respect to changes to the scheme and if, for example, you are yet considering a timetable over which regulatory change might occur? If so, we'd be happy to discuss the appropriate timescale for the feasibility study Ofgem would expect to conduct.

Thanks again for your input on these matters.

Kind regards,

Edmund

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### Budgets

We have agreed a budget for 2014/15. In line with our agreed approach to review volumes on a quarterly basis, we look forward to providing an update following the recent completion of the first period April-June 2014. [I'm currently checking with colleagues here but I believe there is a timetable for this]

### Data sharing

I understand our teams have reached a common view on the practical measures to be put in place to facilitate the secure sharing of data. In line with that, I understand that you will be providing a short note summarising how your data storage and secure transfer system will enable the data to be . Our teams will continue to progress this at a working level.

### Future changes to the Non-Domestic RHI scheme

We will be happy to engage on further intended policy changes. We note that, in order to assess the scope of administrative and IT system changes, our normal expectation would be to complete a feasibility study at the stage you have a firm view of policy intentions. This would enable us to provide you with an assessment of costings and operational impacts of the proposal, and to indicate the likely implementation time once arrangements (including funding) were agreed.

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**Subject:** RE: NI RHI Carbon Trust and other matters - possible points for an SRO exchange of letters

Thanks Seamus for the extra time to comment.

I've now had a chance to discuss this within Ofgem and can confirm that, if you are to send this through in its current form, we will be well placed to consider a constructive response that should enable us to progress this matter.

Kind regards,

Edmund

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