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Hi Jane,
Katy's said that you'll be taking a look at the NI guidance in her absence so I've attached a high level summary of the phase 2 amendments that will be coming in on 4 November to make it easy to see the changes required (taken from the feasibility study), plus the most recent iteration of the draft regulations for reference. As you will be able to see from this, there are only a couple that are coming in at this time, with the ones 'on hold' being proposed for early 2016, and as such, the guidance hasn't required much editing to bring it in line with the amendments. It has, however required quite a lot to bring it up to date generally, as it hasn't been updated since the scheme began in 2012 and refers to 'when the scheme comes in' etc, and has no mention of the domestic scheme which came opened Nov 2014. This is the same for the FAQs.

Please feel free to make any comments/edits as you see fit.

Thanks
Sarah

From: Katy Read
Sent: 15 September 2015 21:58
To: Jane Pierce
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Hi Jane,
I've attached a summary of the NI policy project and the deliverables that are needed for discussion tomorrow. I can add more detail as needed.

You can see below that the guidance is ready for review but I won't be able to do this before I go. There is some contingency in the review timeline (see attached) so I can try to fit this in next week if needed.

Thanks
Katy

From: Sarah Driver
Sent: 15 September 2015 17:16
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Cc: Callum Green
Subject: NI Guidance and FAQs

Hi Katy,

Callum and I have updated the NI guidance docs in line with the 4 Nov amendments. Can you take a look tomorrow please so they can be sent for legal review and review by DETI when you're away?

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Thanks

Sarah

Summary of Phase 2 NIRHI Amendments		
1	4 Nov	Introduction of support for biomass and bioliquid combined heat and power
2	4 Nov	Extension of 6.3 pence biomass tariff rate and tiering
3	4 Nov	Other issues such as relocation
4	On hold	Introduction of a cost control mechanism
5	On hold	Introduction of support for air source heat pumps (air to water)
6	On hold	Introduction of a specific tariff for deep geothermal
7	On hold	Introduction of a specific tariff for biomass district heating systems of 200kW and above
8	On hold	Introduction of support for large biomass 1MW and above
9	On hold	Introduction of biomass sustainability requirements
10	On hold	Increased tariff for biomethane injection
11	On hold	Introduction of air quality standards

1. Introduction of support for biomass and bioliquid combined heat and power (CHP)

- Good quality CHP projects (CHPQA accredited) accredited on the RO from 5 October will be eligible for the relevant electricity only ROC level together with the appropriate RHI tariff from October 2015, at a tariff rate of 3.5p/kWh.
- Biomass and bioliquid CHP plants must be certified under the CHPQA process.
- A second tariff will be introduced for existing fossil fuel CHP systems that wish to convert to renewable CHP. For converting CHP sites, the proposed tariff is 1.7p/kWh.

2. Extension of 6.3 pence biomass tariff rate and tiering

- The medium tariff band of 20- 99kW 6.3p/kW tariff for biomass installations will be extended up to installations of 199kW.
- This is to bring the NIRHI broadly into line with the GB scheme.
- There is currently only one accredited RHI installation with a capacity of over 99KW and less than 200KW Personal information redacted by the RHI which has a capacity of 129KW)
- The large tariff banding will change to 200 – 999kWh.
- The small and medium tariffs will be tiered with a reduced tariff of 1.5p/kWh applied after the first 1314 peak load hours (or Kilowatt Hours equivalent).

3. Other issues

- Relocation will be allowed for renewable heat plants
- The GB definition of "installation" will be adopted to bring both schemes in line.
- Heat use outside a building will be allowed to bring NI in line with GB.
- What qualifies as an eligible heat source of GSHP will be extended.
- The inflationary calculation process will be amended