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Thanks Marcus.

Yes this will need to be flagged to DETI, but along with any other comments on the draft regs I suggest. So if you could let Michelle and myself have your views we can send a co-ordinated view across to Peter Hutchinson.

Keith

From: Marcus Porter
Sent: 17 September 2012 10:47
To: Lindsay Goater; Sophie Jubb; Keith Avis
Cc: William Elliott; Michelle Murdoch; Paul Heigl
Subject: RE: NI RHI - "site" vs "building"

Keith

This is potentially a complicated issue and it's not clear why DETI have made this change or (if they persist with it) what its ramifications will be, over and above the fact that it will certainly require at least some change to the draft guidance on which consultation is due to commence later this week. But, given the trouble that metering has caused the Ops team here since the GB scheme was introduced, anything that renders the concepts of "simple" and "complex" installation as used in the NI Regs any more complicated than they already are isn't likely to be received warmly by Ops – as is clear from Lindsay's email below.

I am considering the latest draft of the Regs today, including this issue. In the meantime though it seems to me that a sanitised version of Lindsay's comments needs to be passed on the DETI for them to chew over, if that hasn't already happened, not least because they have a meeting with their lawyers tomorrow.

Marcus

From: Lindsay Goater
Sent: 14 September 2012 09:40
To: Marcus Porter; Sophie Jubb; Keith Avis
Cc: William Elliott; Michelle Murdoch; Paul Heigl
Subject: RE: NI RHI - "site" vs "building"

Oh...

Definition of complex installations comes to mind, not knowing where "site" has been dropped in... Could mean what we treat as complex in GB (owing to both external pipework being considered an ineligible use, AND the fact that generation and use are not within one building) is not the same in NI...

I thought we were going for consistency with GB? This will, amongst other things, include **wording changes on IT**, and pre-empts GB saying process heat need not be in a "building"

It may, owing to the complex definition issue also include **business rule changes** (eg around HH110 or somewhere there) in what triggers complex status and subsequent periodic data capture functionality – **this adds cost**, and makes the team have to stop and think more, and the applicant guidance note will need to reflect this etc etc

Not a welcome thing to have late in the day...

(I'll handle from Ops side – Ollie has enough on)

If they don't mind swapping it back, I would be grateful! ;o)

Thx

Lindsay

From: Marcus Porter
Sent: 13 September 2012 13:30
To: Lindsay Goater
Subject: FW: NI RHI

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From: William Elliott
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To: Michelle Murdoch; Marcus Porter; Keith Avis

Subject: RE: NI RHI

All,

One of the amendments that has been made to the NI Regs is to include a definition of "site". "Site" is defined as "a building, a chemical plant incorporating distillation columns or any structure used for the drying of solid biomass". It replaces the definition of "building" in a number of the regulations.

I have not yet fully considered the implications of this amendment. However, on the assumption that the scope of the definition of "building" in the GB scheme already included chemical plants incorporating distillation columns and structures used for the drying or solid biomass, then the only difference would appear to be that such structures do not have to be permanent or long lasting or be wholly enclosed on all sides with a roof or ceiling and walls under the NI scheme.

At the very least, we will still need to review and update all the references to "building" in the Guidance and ensure that they align with the new definition of "site". I am not sure that this should hold up us sending the guidance to DETI, as Marcus and I will need to work through the implications of the new definition and this could take a bit of time.

Thanks

Will

From: Michelle Murdoch

Sent: 13 September 2012 12:06

To: Marcus Porter; William Elliott

Subject: FW: NI RHI

FYI

From: McCutcheon, Joanne [<mailto:Joanne.McCutcheon@detini.gov.uk>]

Sent: 13 September 2012 12:01

To: Keith Avis

Cc: Michelle Murdoch; Hutchinson, Peter; Stewart, Susan

Subject: NI RHI

Just to let you know that we have just returned from the Committee where the SL1 was approved so we can now proceed to lay the regulations in the Assembly – so our target of 1 November is still on track.

We have a meeting arranged with our Solicitors on Tuesday morning 18th to discuss the issues we still have concerning the Regs (highlighted in the version that Susan sent you). We hope this will allow the Regs to be finalised so if Ofgem has any issues, I'd be grateful to receive them by cop Mon 17th.

We want to get a note out to Stakeholders tomorrow re the Guidance Note Consultation Event – so grateful if you could confirm that the times suit i.e. 25th Belfast @ 1.30pm and 26th Cookstown @ 10.30am. As discussed we can explore moving the Cookstown event to later in the day if that suits your travel arrangements better? Nearest hotels to our offices are Stormont Hotel and Park Avenue Hotel – each about 1-2 miles away. You will also probably want to use Belfast City Airport as it is only a couple of miles from our offices too.

Regards

Joanne

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