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Matthew,

Apologies, I have been out of the office the last few days.

Were you content with the wording below – this is likely to issue shortly.

Thanks,

Peter

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**Subject:** FW: Administration of the Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive

Gareth / Matthew,

Thanks again for the very useful conversation earlier. As you will have seen, Fiona Hepper (Head of DETI Energy Division) has now written to you to seek an outline of the work in advance of commissioning the feasibility study.

I mentioned earlier that our Con Doc references Ofgem as the potential administrator of the NI scheme. I have attached the wording from the Con Doc which deals with this issue, the wording largely reflects the DECC/Ofgem relationship as set out in the March 2011 RHI paper.

Grateful if you would consider and advise if any revisions are required.

Thanks in advance,

Peter

#### *Administration*

3.17 It is proposed that Ofgem, through its E-Serve Division, should have overall responsibility for the administration of the NI RHI.

3.18 Ofgem has significant experience in the delivery of large scale energy incentive schemes such as the Renewables Obligation (RO) and the Feed-in-Tariff (FIT). In addition, Ofgem has administered the NIRO since its inception and therefore has an understanding of the local energy market and an existing working relationship with DETI.

3.19 There are also significant economies of scale in appointing Ofgem to the administration role as DETI will benefit from the experience that the E-Serve Division has gained from the development of the GB RHI administration schemes, as well as the established processes, systems and expertise already in place.

3.20 Ofgem's main responsibilities will include dealing with applications, accrediting eligible installations, making payments and ensuring that the conditions of the scheme are adhered to.

3.21 As renewable heat is an emerging industry, it will be important that appropriate data is collected and analysed on the use of installations, performance and overall level of renewable heat, therefore it is envisaged that Ofgem will also have power to seek appropriate information on the

participating installations. If relevant information is not provided by participants payments may be withheld. This information will include:

- the type and size of technology;
- cost of installation;
- amount of heat generated;
- the type of heat source that is being replaced through RHI (not to be natural gas);
- demographic information; and
- any problems with the installed equipment.

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Please see attached from Fiona Hepper.

<< File: Minute to Gareth Atkins re Administration of the NI Renewable Heat Incentive.DOC >>

Regards

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