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Location: Ofgem London CR7, Dial-in details enclosed

Importance: Normal

Subject: Conference call Ofgem/DETI

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Recurrence Pattern: None

RE: [RHI question](#)

Hi all,

Dial in details:

NIRHI Conference call details (booked)

Toll free number: **0800 358 8636**

Ofgem to external (Moderator PIN)

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by the RHI Inquiry

External to Ofgem (Participant PIN)

Sorry Teri, I looked but I couldn't find a room in Glasgow at this time.

Issues to be discussed:

1)How to interpret a 'heating system' for the NIRHI scheme

NIRHI Regulation 14 states:

Plants comprised of more than one plant

14.--(1) Subject to paragraph (2), and without prejudice to regulation 42(5)(b), the eligibility criteria are not met if the plant is comprised of more than one plant.

(2) Where two or more plants--

- (a) use the same source of energy and technology;
- (b) form part of the same heating system; and
- (c) are not accredited RHI installations;

those plants (the "component plants") are to be regarded as a single plant for the purposes of paragraph (1) provided that paragraph (3) applies.

On the GB scheme Ofgem allows applicants to apply separately for installations which are hydraulically separate from each other, even if they generate heat for the same heat use (e.g heat the same building/premises). This risks applicants abusing the system by deliberately installing two or more smaller boilers which are hydraulically separate, instead of installing a larger boiler which would potentially be more efficient but would be accredited on a lower tariff. We have done some work recently on this for DECC and would be happy to share detail of this on the call.

2) Ways to share scheme name and address data to ensure that applicants cannot apply for the same plant to both domestic and non-domestic schemes, or for a different plant heating the same property

Domestic

Domestic NIRHI Regulation 11 states:

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Requirement that plant is not an accredited RHI installation

11. The requirements referred to in regulation 3(b) are the plant is not, and has not been at any time, an accredited RHI installation.

Non domestic

The NIRHI Non domestic regulations were consequentially amended by the domestic regulations so that Non domestic regulation 23 includes a paragraph 6, as follows:

- (6) The Department must not accredit an eligible plant if--
- (a) it is, or at any time has been, an accredited domestic plant within the meaning given by regulation 2 of the Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014;
 - (b) an application for accreditation of the plant has been made under those Regulations and that application has not been withdrawn by the applicant or rejected by the Department; or
 - (c) it provides heat to the same property as an accredited domestic plant or a plant for which an application for accreditation under those Regulations has been made which has not been withdrawn or rejected.”.

A simple spreadsheet may suffice in sharing the necessary data.

Thanks,

Nadia