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See below - FYI on data sharing protocol.

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**To:** Atika Ashraf  
**Subject:** RE: TRIM: FW: Data Sharing

Atika

Apologies for the delay in progressing this issue but I wanted to provide you with a brief update. A final draft of the protocol document is current with DETI Information Management Unit for last consideration and I am expecting a response shortly. Once received I will forward a final draft to you and hopefully sign off shortly thereafter.

Regards

Seamus

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**Sent:** 15 October 2014 11:35  
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**Cc:** Omolade Barker; Edmund Ward  
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Dear Seamus,

Thanks for sending me your comments on the data sharing protocol. Our legal team have since made some additional comments and additions, on the attached.

In particular:

- The statutory basis for entering into this DSP was not considered in the draft and it seems DECC's DSP was copied over re reporting obligation under GB regs. DETI would need to review the tracked changes in the attached to ensure that you agree with our comments/tracked changes re statutory powers. There is no provisions under NI RHI Reg for Ofgem to disclose information to DETI, so any disclosure has to be via the mechanism provided by Section 114 of the Energy Act 2011 (EA 2011) and Arrangements made pursuant to the EA 2011.
- For reason stated in bullet point 1 above, both Ofgem and DETI will need to consider what information is required to be disclosed under the Arrangement and when the disclosure should take place. I can set up a meeting on this if this is useful, or you could send us your data requirements for review?
- The expiry date of the DSP need to be considered in view of the provisions of the Arrangements on termination i.e. amendment of the NI RHI Reg will trigger termination of the current Arrangements.

Re SFTP – I believe my colleague Steve has spoken to you about this. He advised that we don't have SFTP and are currently sending data via a secure GSI email? Do you need anything else on this?

Re next steps on the protocol (please amend or add as appropriate)–

- 1) DETI to confirm they are happy with this draft and changes that have been made
- 2) Finalise security arrangements
- 3) Arrange for protocol to be signed.

Thanks

Atika

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Annotated by RHI Inquiry