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Hi Michael,

We were speaking with Stuart Whitman, Renewable Heat DETI with regard an update on the proposed changes to RHI tariffs in NI as part of phase II of the scheme. While it is still in consultation and subject to further change, there have been some further developments.

The main changes they are expecting to come into force are detailed below:

- The 20kW to 199kW tariff is still proposed for October 2015. However, from October 2015, Stuart has also indicated that DETI are proposing to introduce a 2 tiered tariff for all tariff bands, in line with what is in place in GB. Stuart indicated that in the last 7-8 months DETI have overspent on their budget and the reason for this is the operating hours of the boilers in the poultry sector, hence the planned introduction of tier 1 and tier 2 tariffs. This change will only affect new applications after the change comes into force so if any of our clients are considering installing biomass systems we would advise they should move asap to avoid missing out on the best rates from RHI, especially sub 100kW installations. For example 2 tiered tariff could be =1,314 full load running hours at 6.4p/kWh and >1,300 full load running hours 1.5p/kWh.
- In October DETNI, are also likely to put out to consultation a proposal to introduce tariff degression as is now commonplace with the GB RHI. This will be a lengthy process and will involve changes to legislation but it looks like it could be on the cards, primarily as a method of budget control
- DETI hope to make a final decision by late July/early August, with a proposed implementation in early October.

Again, this is just the latest developments with regard to what DETI are proposing and where they have got to in their consultations to date. We will keep in regular contact with DETI and let you know when we hear something more concrete.

I'll give you a call over the next few days to discuss.

If you have any questions or require any further information please let me know.

Regards

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