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18th May 2017

Dear Sir

Re: The Independent Public Inquiry into the Non Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Scheme
Provision of a Section 21 Notice requiring the provision of evidence in the form of a written statement

I am writing to you in my capacity as Solicitor to the Independent Public Inquiry into the Non Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Scheme (known as 'the RHI Inquiry') which has been set up under the Inquiries Act 2005 ('the Act').

I enclose a copy of the RHI Inquiry's Terms of Reference for your information.

You will no doubt be aware that the RHI Inquiry is conducting its investigations into the matters set out in its Terms of Reference. The Inquiry is continuing with the process of gathering all of the relevant documentation from relevant departments, organisations and individuals. In addition, the Inquiry has also now begun the process of requiring persons who have been, or who may have been, involved in the range of matters which come within the Inquiry's Terms of Reference to provide written evidence to the Inquiry Panel.

In this context, it would be of assistance to the Inquiry to have a statement from you setting out the involvement of Innasol Ltd, its servants and agents, ('the Company')

with the Non Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme in Northern Ireland ('the Scheme').

In keeping with the approach we are taking with others, the RHI Inquiry is now issuing to you a Statutory Notice (known as a 'Section 21 Notice') pursuant to its powers to compel the provision of evidence in the form of a written statement in relation to the matters falling within its Terms of Reference.

The Section 21 Notice enclosed with this letter requires you to provide evidence to the RHI Inquiry Panel in the form of a written statement addressing the matters identified in the Schedule to the Section 21 Notice. As the text of the Section 21 Notice explains, you are required by law to comply with it.

Please bear in mind that, although the RHI Inquiry now has a good working knowledge of the RHI Scheme, the witness statement required by the enclosed Notice is likely (in common with others) to be published by the RHI Inquiry in due course. It should therefore ideally be written in a way which is as accessible as possible in terms of public understanding.

The aim of the enclosed Notice is to require you to provide all relevant evidence within the knowledge of the Company which is pertinent to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference. The Schedule to the enclosed Section 21 Notice provides further detail as to the matters which should be covered in the written evidence which is required from you. In the event that there is a category of information in respect of which the Company has no evidence, please state this in your response. Where the Company can provide evidence, then the more comprehensive your statement is, the less likely it is that the Inquiry will have to revert to you at a later stage for clarification, although in many cases this is likely to be necessary to some degree.

Receipt of this correspondence and its enclosures places you under a duty of confidentiality to the RHI Inquiry in respect of them. You may share the correspondence and the enclosed Notice with your legal representative(s), and with relevant employees, servants or agents of the Company but neither you nor they may show, communicate the contents of, or provide this correspondence or the

Notice to any other person or organisation without the express permission of the RHI Inquiry. Any breach of this duty of confidentiality is actionable at the suit of the Inquiry Chairman.

You will also find attached to the Section 21 Notice a Guidance Note explaining the nature of a Section 21 Notice and the procedures that the RHI Inquiry has adopted in relation to such a notice. In particular, you are asked to provide your evidence in the form of the template witness statement which is also enclosed with this correspondence.

Given the tight time-frame within which the RHI Inquiry must operate, the Chairman of the Inquiry would be grateful if you would comply with the requirements of the Section 21 Notice as soon as possible and, in any event, by the date set out for compliance in the Notice itself.

Finally, I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this correspondence and the enclosed notice by email to Patrick.Butler@rhiinquiry.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any matter arising.

Yours faithfully



Patrick Butler

Solicitor to the RHI Inquiry

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SCHEDULE [No 182 of 2017]

1. Summarise the involvement of Innasol Ltd, its servants and agents ('the Company') in the Renewable Heat Industry in Northern Ireland (such as, for example, involvement in the manufacture, supply, or installation of biomass heating plant) during the period from 2010 onwards.

2. Explain any direct or indirect involvement that the Company had in the Non Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) Scheme in Northern Ireland ('the RHI Scheme') or any aspect of it prior to its suspension in February 2016, including, in particular:
 - a. any involvement that the Company had in the process leading to the creation of the RHI Scheme such as, for example, engaging directly or indirectly in the 2011 public consultation exercise concerning the proposed Scheme;

 - b. any involvement that the Company had in the 2013 public consultation exercise concerning the RHI Scheme;

 - c. the nature and number (or approximate number) of commercial transactions engaged in by or on behalf of the Company connected to the RHI Scheme (such as, for example, the supply or installation of biomass heating plant intended to be the subject of an application for accreditation under the Scheme) including a breakdown of the number of such transactions engaged in by or on behalf of the Company in each relevant financial year;

 - d. whether the Company, either directly or indirectly, ever received some or all of the income earned under the RHI Scheme by customers whose installations were accredited and, if it did so, details of every agreement giving the Company the right to do so, as well as details of every customer in respect of whom the Company received such

income and the total amount earned in each relevant financial year by the Company under any such agreements;

e. (if applicable) the Company's experience of the amount of time (in terms of days or weeks) that typically elapsed between:

i. the date of biomass heating plant being ordered and its installation;

ii. the date of biomass heating plant being ordered and its commissioning into service;

iii. the date of biomass heating plant being ordered and its accreditation under the RHI Scheme;

(if, in the Company's experience there was no typical time lapse in this regard, then please provide details of both the minimum and maximum periods experienced by the Company in respect of each of the foregoing sub-paragraphs);

f. any involvement in representative, trade or other similar groups along with other persons or bodies with an interest in the Renewable Heat Industry in Northern Ireland and/or the RHI Scheme;

g. any potential risks, flaws, problems, anomalies, loopholes, or other issues regarding the proposed RHI Scheme, or the RHI Scheme as enacted, which came to the Company's attention, including details of when the Company first became aware of each such issue and the actions (if any) taken by the Company as a result;

h. any instances of whistle-blowing by or on behalf of the Company in relation to the RHI Scheme, or any disclosures made by or on behalf of the Company raising concerns about the RHI Scheme, of which you are aware, including details of when such communications occurred and to whom, and by whom, each such communication was made;

- i. any instances of lobbying or encouragement, by or on behalf of the Company, of Ministers, Special Advisers, Civil Servants, politicians, political parties, their respective servants or agents, or other relevant persons in relation to the terms of the RHI Scheme and/or the introduction, non-introduction, variation or delay of the introduction of cost controls into the Scheme (including, but not limited to, the amendment of tariffs, tiering, degression and Scheme suspension or closure);
 - j. any involvement, whether direct or indirect, that the Company had in advertising or promoting the RHI Scheme and, in particular, the financial benefits available under the Scheme, to the Northern Ireland market including details of every step taken to advertise or promote the Scheme, the date (or approximate date) when same was taken, the persons to whom the relevant advertising or promotion was directed, and the results of such advertising or promotion.
3. Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing:
 - a. please provide details of all communications, passing in either direction, between the Company or any person acting on its behalf (on the one side) and Ministers, Special Advisers, Civil Servants, politicians, political parties, or their respective servants or agents (on the other side) in relation to the introduction, non-introduction, variation or delay of the introduction of cost controls into the RHI Scheme (including, but not limited to, the amendment of tariffs, tiering, degression and Scheme suspension or closure), in particular during 2015 (providing the nature, date, and place of each communication as well as details of the persons between whom each such communication occurred);
 - b. in particular and, once again, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, please provide details of each and every communication

between the Company or any person acting on its behalf (including, in particular, Terence McCracken) and officials in the Department for Enterprise, Trade, and Investment ('DETI'), DETI Energy Division, and/or DETI Renewable Heat Branch (including, in particular, Stuart Wightman, Seamus Hughes, Dan Sinton, John Mills, or Chris Stewart) in relation to the introduction, non-introduction, variation or delay of the introduction of cost controls into the RHI Scheme (including, but not limited to, the amendment of tariffs, tiering, degression and Scheme suspension or closure), in particular during 2015 (providing the nature, date, and place of each communication as well as details of the persons between whom each such communication occurred);

- c. identify each and every document containing, recording, or relating to the communications to which reference is made in sub-paragraphs a. and b.;
 - d. please provide details of all communications, passing in either direction, between the Company or any person acting on its behalf (on the one side) and any persons *other than* Ministers, Special Advisers, Civil Servants, politicians, political parties, or their respective servants or agents (on the other side) in relation to the introduction, non-introduction, variation or delay of the introduction of cost controls into the RHI Scheme (including, but not limited to, the amendment of tariffs, tiering, degression and Scheme suspension or closure), in particular during 2015 (providing the nature, date, and place of each communication as well as details of the persons between whom each such communication occurred).
4. In respect of the period prior to the suspension of the Scheme in February 2016, and to the extent that it has not already been covered when addressing the issues raised in the preceding paragraphs of this Schedule, please provide details of all dealings that the Company, or other persons on behalf of the Company, had with:

- a. Ministers, Special Advisers, Civil Servants, politicians, political parties, or their respective servants or agents;
- b. Ofgem, its servants or agents;
- c. persons *other than* Ofgem, Ministers, Special Advisers, Civil Servants, politicians, political parties, or their respective servants or agents

which are relevant to the matters that the RHI Inquiry is investigating as set out in the Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

5. Identify any instances, of which the Company is aware, where a Minister, Special Adviser, Civil Servant or any other person involved in the RHI Scheme (including, if applicable, yourself):
 - a. breached relevant standards (including, but not limited to, the Nolan Principles, the Ministerial Code of Conduct, the Civil Service Code of Conduct, the Code of Conduct for Special Advisers and/or terms or conditions of employment or service) or acted in a way incompatible with their duties;
 - b. acted in circumstances relating to or touching upon the Scheme in any way where they had a real or perceived conflict of interest;

in respect of any such instances, providing details and specifying the basis for any belief that there has been a breach of a relevant standard or duty or that a conflict of interest arose.

6. Provide any further evidence within your knowledge or belief which is relevant to the matters that the RHI Inquiry is investigating as set out in the RHI Inquiry's Terms of Reference.

NOTE:

It is important for the efficiency of the RHI Inquiry that the issues identified above are addressed as fully as possible and by reference, where available, to the dates and locations of specific incidents to which reference is made. The statement should be broken down into paragraphs, which should be numbered sequentially from '1' to the end. The use of appropriate section headings or sub-headings is also encouraged. A template witness statement is provided with this Notice for your assistance and should be used as the format for your response.

RHI Inquiry

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31st May 2017

Written statement to the Independent Public Inquiry into the Non Domestic Heat Incentive (RHI) scheme.

Based on Schedule [No 182 of 2017]

1. Innasol supplies biomass boilers and heat pump technologies as a distributor. We supply via a network of independent installation partners across the UK including Northern Ireland, but we are not selling to the end consumer. We supply the heating equipment, we train our installation partners on the installation of the equipment and we offer technical support.
2. Our main involvement was to supply biomass heating equipment upon request to our installation companies based in Northern Ireland.
 - a. We had no involvement in the process leading to the creation of the RHI scheme
 - b. We had no involvement in the 2013 public consultation
 - c. All our sales in Northern Ireland were centred on the 3 year period 2014 to 2016 with 2015 being the peak year for sales. 2014 = 7 boilers to 2 installer companies, 2015 = 69 boilers across 2 installer companies and 2016 = 16 boilers across 2 installer companies.
 - d. Innasol only engaged in sales transactions with installers in Northern Ireland. It did not receive any RHI income.
 - e. Our normal delivery time frame for biomass equipment once ordered is between 2 and 6 weeks depending on the kW output of such equipment. My understanding is that most of the boilers supplied to NI were <100kW output for them to be eligible for the RHI scheme – in this case a normal delivery scope would be between 2 and 4 weeks. Innasol is only responsible for delivery of equipment. Installation, commissioning and RHI applications are outside our control so are not applicable to this statement.
 - f. IRBEA (Mainly concerned with renewables in ROI)
 - g. We were not aware of any problems with the scheme at the time. We were aware that the scheme was apparently un-capped in terms of run hours for the boilers, however our warranty stipulates 2000 run hours to stay within the scope of warranty so we were not unduly concerned that this feature would be abused.
 - h. None
 - i. TM Attended DETI committee hearing meeting. Day vote taken to disband the RHI Scheme TM attended the vote as an observer.

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- 3.
 - j. None
- 4.
 - a. See e-mail correspondence attached
 - b. See e-mail correspondence. Terence McCracken (Innasol) only met Seamus Hughes
 - c. See e-mail correspondence attached
 - d. None
- 5.
 - a. See e-mail correspondence attached
 - b. None
 - c. None
- 6. None

Signed



Stuart C Gibson

Director

From: [Terence McCracken](#)
To: [Stuart Gibson](#)
Subject: FW: Post Holiday /Biomass RHI/NI
Date: 05 June 2017 07:59:10

From: Hughes, Seamus [mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk]
Sent: 20 July 2015 14:06
To: Terence McCracken <Terence.McCracken@detini.gov.uk> Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry
Cc: Wightman, Stuart <Stuart.Wightman@detini.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Post Holiday /Biomass RHI

Hi Terence

Nothing official as yet but as we discussed in our recent meeting DETI is currently looking at potential changes to the non domestic RHI in the autumn as part of the outworking of the phase 2 review consultation from late 2013. The proposals under consideration concern a new tariff for combined heat and power to coincide with the changes to the ROC's and also cost control measures around biomass banding and possible tariff tiers.

I would hope to have more definite news over the coming weeks and will keep you in the loop on any updates.

Regards

Seamus

Seamus Hughes

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Sent: 20 July 2015 13:58
To: Hughes, Seamus
Subject: Post Holiday /Biomass RHI

Hello Seamus,

I am back from holiday and the word on the street is that there are a few changes to the RHI from sometime in October.

Have you anything official or even unofficial on this as yet?

Trust you and all in your team are well. Look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Terence McCracken

Innasol Ltd

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From: [Terence McCracken](#)
To: [Stuart Gibson](#)
Subject: FW: Biomass RHI/NI
Date: 05 June 2017 07:59:49

From: Hughes, Seamus [mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk]

Sent: 01 September 2015 14:28

To: Terence McCracken <Terence.McCracken@detini.gov.uk> Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

Subject: RE: Biomass RHI

Hi Terence

Still no real change since we last spoke. Still awaiting final agreement of the policy by the Minister which will then be published on the DETI website. The likely date for introduction of the changes is now first week in November.

I will keep you posted on any further developments.

Regards

Seamus

Seamus Hughes

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From: [Terence McCracken](#)
To: [Stuart Gibson](#)
Subject: FW: Chnages to Non domestic RHI/NI
Date: 05 June 2017 08:00:15

From: Hughes, Seamus [mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk]

Sent: 07 September 2015 11:37

To: Terence McCracken <Terence.McCracken@detini.gov.uk> Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry

Subject: Chnages to Non domestic RHI

Terence

Please see below link to the Final Policy document on the Non domestic RHI changes which will be in operation from 4 November 2015.

http://www.detini.gov.uk/final_policy_paper_on_rhi_proposals__september_2015_.pdf

Regards

Seamus

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From: [Terence McCracken](#)
To: [Stuart Gibson](#)
Subject: NI
Date: 05 June 2017 08:01:02
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From: Hughes, Seamus [mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk]
Sent: 27 November 2015 10:03
To: Terence McCracken <Terence.McCracken@detini.gov.uk> Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry
Subject: RE: Market Update

Hi Terence

Apologies for only responding to your email now. We are still awaiting clarity around the implications for Northern Ireland from the Chancellors spending review statement on RHI so until that is known we are not really in a position to say what is likely to happen with the next phase of RHI but would be happy to meet with you once the funding position is clearer for going forward. Could I suggest you drop me an email again in a couple of weeks when hopefully the picture should be clearer?

Many thanks

Regards

Seamus

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From: [Terence McCracken](#)
To: [Stuart Gibson](#)
Subject: FW: NI RHI Scheme and other matters
Date: 05 June 2017 08:01:33
Attachments: [image008.gif](#)

From: Hughes, Seamus [mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk]
Sent: 25 January 2016 13:18
To: Terence McCracken <Terence.McCracken@detini.gov.uk> Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry
Cc: Wightman, Stuart <Stuart.Wightman@detini.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: NI RHI Scheme and other matters

Hi Terence

Still awaiting clarity on budgets and what that will mean for the NI RHI going forward. My schedule this week is pretty hectic but in any case it would probably be best to wait until there is certainty around budgets etc before we have a chat. I will get in touch when the outcome is known.

Regards

Seamus

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13 June 2017

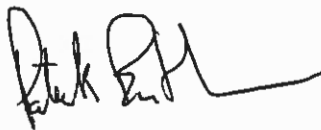
Dear Mr Gibson

Thank you for your response to Notice No. 182 of 2017. A number of issues arise:

1. You have helpfully attached some email correspondence between Seamus Hughes and Terence McCracken. We are concerned that this chain of emails may be incomplete. You have, for example, provided us with an email from Mr Hughes to Mr McCracken on 01.9.15 in which Mr Hughes appears to be replying to a request for information. However, it is unclear what prompted the Hughes email. The previous email from Mr McCracken is dated 20.7.15 and was replied to by Hughes on that date.
2. You state, at paragraph 3.b of the statement that Mr McCracken also met with Mr Hughes. However, you have provided no information regarding the dates of these meetings or the content of same, nor have you provided any documents recording or relating to these meetings.
3. At paragraph 2.c you helpfully set out the number of transactions engaged in by the Company for the period 2014-2016. However, you do not name the small number of installer companies to whom you supplied boilers in each year. This is information that the Inquiry wishes to have.
4. Finally, you also received a Notice [no. 183 of 2017] requiring the Company to provide, in broad terms, all potentially relevant documents. It is unclear whether the Company, through the provision of the Hughes-McCracken email chain, purports to have complied with that Notice.

Please reply addressing each of the above issues by Friday 16th June 2017.

Yours sincerely



Patrick Butler
Solicitor to the RHI Inquiry

From: Stuart Gibson [mailto:Stuart.Gibson@innasol.com] Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry
Sent: 16 June 2017 17:36
To: Butler, Patrick (RHI)
Cc: Watters, Hannah (RHI)
Subject: Additional information request

Dear Hannah, I hope the attached and below covers the extra points requested in your letter dated 13th June.

1. To the best of our knowledge the attached completes the picture
2. As above
3. The two companies we transact with in Northern Ireland are
KES Group
Drumquin Business Park, 8D Castledearg Road, Drumquin, Co Tyrone, BT78 4PH
Linton And Robinson
Unit 20
Orchard Road Industrial Estate
Strabane
County Tyrone
BT82 9FR
4. Our sole representative in Northern Ireland is and at the time was Terence McCracken and the information provided previously and the attached covers the contact between Mr Hughes and Mr McCracken. The only other correspondence we would have is emails and commercial information between Innasol and the two companies mentioned in part 3 relating to individual transactions – examples of these would be invoices, delivery dates for equipment, quotes and so on. I am happy to collate this information if required.

Kind regards,

Stuart Gibson

Sales Director

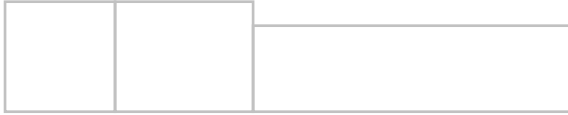


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McClements, Kate

From: Terence McCracken [Terence.McCracken@detini.gov.uk] Personal information redacted by the RHI Inquiry
Sent: 16 June 2017 16:47
To: Stuart Gibson
Subject: FW: Northern Ireland RHI - Non-Domestic and Domestic statistics

[Email trail leading to meeting](#)

From: Terence McCracken
Sent: 11 June 2015 15:49
To: Hughes, Seamus
Subject: RE: Northern Ireland RHI - Non-Domestic and Domestic statistics

Seamus,

That's perfect.
I will see you then.

T. McCracken
Innasol Ltd

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From: Hughes, Seamus [<mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk>]
Sent: 11 June 2015 13:04
To: Terence McCracken
Subject: RE: Northern Ireland RHI - Non-Domestic and Domestic statistics

Hi Terence

Next Friday 19th looks good for me if that would suit, in the morning preferable maybe around 10.00am or so?

Regards

Seamus

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Sent: 10 June 2015 15:21
To: Hughes, Seamus
Subject: RE: Northern Ireland RHI - Non-Domestic and Domestic statistics

Seamus,

That's brilliant.
I really appreciate that.
I am in the UK early next week but around Thursday/Friday.
Could I perhaps call in for a coffee/introduction sometime then?

Terence McCracken
Innasol Ltd

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From: Hughes, Seamus [<mailto:Seamus.Hughes@detini.gov.uk>]
Sent: 10 June 2015 15:13
To: Terence McCracken
Subject: Northern Ireland RHI - Non-Domestic and Domestic statistics

Hi Terence

It was good to have a chat earlier. As I explained we don't currently have published RHI statistics for the Northern Ireland RHI but we intend to rectify this over the coming months. In the meantime I am attaching some statistics dating from the end of April which may be of interest to you. This covers both the non-domestic and domestic RHI and also the interim Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme, (RHPP), which ran from May 2012 until November 2014.

On the non-domestic scheme applications have risen rapidly during the past 12 months driven largely by the uptake of biomass in the poultry sector.

I hope this is of help to you.

Regards

Seamus

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To: [Stuart Gibson](#)
Subject: FW: Notes from Meeting with DETI NI
Date: 16 June 2017 16:43:30
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Point 2

[My comments on meeting with S Hughes](#)

From: Terence McCracken
Sent: 22 June 2015 10:52
To: Silvio Spiess ; Colm Lawlor
Subject: Notes from Meeting with DETI NI

Silvio/Colm,

Please find below notes from my meeting on Friday with Seamus Hughes, Energy Efficiency Officer in charge of the RHI schemes in NI. Meeting very positive with a good and open dialogue from the official.

Key points in no particular order as I was taking notes furiously.

- Seamus reports to Stuart Wightman, Head of Energy Efficiency who in turn reports John Mills, Director of the Energy Division who reports directly to the Minister.
- Biomass scheme regarded as a "great success"
- After a slow start to the scheme, growth in the last 12 months has exploded and applications are tracking ahead of budget. Expecting 700 submissions this year. Almost entirely from the Poultry sector.
- RHI submissions are almost entirely Biomass. Department feel that the balance needs adjusting to encourage other technologies.
- There is no formal industry body in NI. His communication with the industry would be direct 1-1 meetings with interested parties. The department prides itself on an open door policy. There are a small number of parties whose opinion would be sought regarding industry matters. He has added my details to this list. He would welcome a more formal industry approach however.
- A review of the scheme is shortly to take place. A consultation document will be issued to myself and others.
- Reason for review is that submissions as mentioned are now tracking way above forecast. I got the impression that the 99kw upper limit could be extended to 199 or above but with the overall RHI p/kwh being lowered. I think they need to cool the market down a bit.
- A concern had been raised from a Finance official about the 20 year payment outflows and the level of expenditure that could be required in years to come.
- This scheme will definitely end in 2020.
- They were impressed by a recent presentation from a GSHP company offering district schemes. (I know who this guy is, check out Stewart Porter on LinkedIn) Biomethane industry had also been in. It was clear that they wanted to do something with the RHI to encourage these niches.
- There will be no incentives for ASHP in the current round of RHI incentives.
- Impression also that he believes the industry has undersold domestic biomass and would like to see better use of this scheme.

My thoughts-

1. There will be a rush to get measures through before the rebanding. Short term opportunity for volume probably up to Nov 15.
2. GSHP training/awareness etc to be a priority
3. Take lead in shaping industry message
4. 2016 and beyond will be a different but should offer long term opportunities for our marketplace in NI.

I welcome any thoughts you might have.

Regards,

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Just wondering if there is any update to the NI RHI position post October?

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