

DECC/OFGEM Monthly FITs meeting – 13 September 2011

Attendants

Absent

Agenda

1. FIT Fast-Track Review – DECC update on progress

a) AD tariffs

- Pre-notification accepted by ministers last week. Agreed to give decision in one month.
- If there are any queries then the one month timescale will go on hold.
- Ofgem require 3 weeks to implement required system changes.

ACTION: DECC to forward notification date

b) Extensions implementation

DECC UPDATE

- Meeting with ministers yesterday did not cover extensions as intended.
- Ministers have been chased for a decision and response expected today (13/9/11).
- Concession arrangements are currently the issue. Notification arrangements proposed by Ofgem will be included.
- Once a decision has been made by Ministers, the Amended Order will be laid for 21 days before the changes comes into force.
- Hoping to lay in parliament on Monday, which will mean a change date of 8 October (Note – this issue has moved on in the interim between the meeting and the drafting of these minutes).
- DECC will publicise policy change on website and notify all consultation contributors.

ACTION: DECC to forward consultation responses document and Q&A.

OFGEM UPDATE ON PLANS TO ADMINISTER EXTENSION CHANGES

- On announcement of change, Ofgem will email all ROO-FIT installations (accredited and in progress) to inform of the change.
- For those applications still in progress a notification form will also be sent to allow them to fulfil the interim notification arrangements.

- b) Rent a roof
 - Suppliers are only registering installations where they are the supplier to the site. This means that rent a roof payments are spread throughout the suppliers.
- c) Fraud Reporting
 - Ofgem FIT Annual report not considered a suitable place to provide report on fraud
 - Question over whether the fraud findings should be shared. This could be discussed with suppliers.
 - DECC consider the objective of the fraud report is to share examples of fraud to increase awareness among the key administrators of the scheme and publicise proactive approach to fraud.
 - DECC proposed that Ofgem presents fraud findings to stakeholders.

ACTION: DECC to speak to internal fraud team about what/how should be reported

- 5. Winch Energy Group grants email
 - Ofgem's most recent email has pushed enquirer to DECC for clarification
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- 6. AOB
 - a) De-rating
 - First de-rated engine has been accredited. An AD with engine capacity 526kW reduced to 499kW.
 - A couple more in progress.
 - DECC -considering MCS accreditation for approval of de-rating.

- b) MCS
 - Contract requires that MCS complete agreed changes by the end of this year.
 - Short-term changes are to the certificates, including the addition of meter details as requested by suppliers. Long-term changes to increase responsibility of MCS and installers in the scheme.