

DECC/OFGEM Monthly FITs meeting – 5 July 2011

Attendants

Absent

Agenda

1. FIT Fast-Track Review
  - a) Update on State Aid approval of AD tariffs
    - Still awaiting decision from commission
  - b) JR update
    - Has been withdrawn. To be 'rubber stamped' 21 July.
  - c) Early day motion update
    - 4 signatures to date and only 9 more days until recess. Has received some news coverage.
2. Comprehensive review
  - a) Update on discussion paper – likely publication date
    - Have amended project plan to reflect reduced consultation period and awaiting approval from ministers.
    - To be referred to as 'High Level Discussion'.
    - No ministerial or statement or steer yet
    - Internal discussions ongoing.
    - If not published by the end of July then it's unlikely that this will be formally published.
  - b) Ofgem Guidance – publish date still planned for end of July.
3. AOB
  - a) MCS Equivalent
    - DECC paper complete and in internal circulation
    - This is also an issue within RHI scheme
    - Post-installation accreditation also being developed
  - b) Micro hydro
    - A submission has been made to ministers to extend the ROO-FIT application method. This should be received on Friday 8 July
  - c) Extensions Rule
    - This will be addressed in the review and also cover hydro
  - d) Spanish PV Scheme
    - Recent coverage on the suspension of PV incentive payments in Spain. Similarities with recent PV tariff changes.

ACTION:           o forward details to DECC

- e) Ofgem External Training
  - Energy Ombudsman – provided training in this week. Appeared to be confusion on what FIT disputes they should be dealing with. Currently have 11 cases which have gone to investigation. Ofgem agreed to review any which EO are unsure on.
  - CT – training September
- f) Levelisation (metering) – DECC requested clarification of the dates in the levelisation process:
  - End July – Annual Levelisation
  - End September – Final Report

**ACTION** – Actual dates to be provided to DECC

- g) – Letter to be sent from Minister to Ofgem RE: definition of 'site' and whether Ofgem can do anything else to help without legislative changes.
- h) DECC – suggested stakeholder brainstorming on definition of site and extensions etc.
- i) Large PV – currently 6x5MW and 1x4MW. Possibly going to be one more.
- j) – current application who presenting a case for an alternative calculation of TIC. Prior to the amendment order this station would have been eligible with a DNC of under <5MW. Currently waiting for the detailed calculations.

#### ACTIONS Progress Update

**ACTION:** FIT and grants guidance from DECC – *paper being circulated internally this week. Will review what of the information can be shared externally.*

**ACTION:** Ofgem to discuss certificates issue with MCS – *Gemserve confirmed that their system does allow for certificate reuse, however procedure is not do so and to amend existing certificates only in relation to the installation for which it was originally issued. Ofgem highlighted the potential abuse with extensions. Gemserve raised issue of funding for any changes to the current system.*

*Also raised issue of an installation certificate with a capacity of >50kW. Gemservice confirmed that the technology must be under 50kW but if multiple were installed then the total capacity may be >50kW and the current system would allow this.*

*Discussed issue of meters. has emailed Gemserve to pass on information on the discussions with suppliers and now the certificate may be improved for this purpose.*

**NEW ACTION:** to forward email from to ' (DECC).

**ACTION:** DECC to provide date for AD tariff changes as soon as possible. – *no news yet*

**ACTION:** Ofgem to review how new tariffs are detailed on website tariff table. – *reviewed and satisfactorily. No further action required*

**ACTION:** to provide update on the PV applications (5MW, 1MW & 50kW) – *completed*

**ACTION:** DECC to provide detailed timelines for CR when available

**ACTION:** to provide guidance on MCS equivalent end of June – *paper complete but not yet received by Ofgem*

**ACTION:** to email outline of above situation (Microhydro extensions under MCS/ROO-FIT) and suggested options. to seek advice from DECC legal.

ACTION: DECC to review notes on definitions and installation costs and provide list for use in determining permitted grants.

ACTION: DECC to raise system issues with MCS as appropriate.