

## Renewable Heat Incentive Schemes

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## **Background**



- Public consultation on Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) proposals published February 2010
- Change of Government before consultation confirmed
- Policy not in Coalition Agreement hence had to go through spending review process before being confirmed
- Spending review concluded in October £860m for RHI over four years
- Scheme to be taken forward in two phases
- Phase One will provide support at the non-domestic sector for a range of technologies
- Phase Two will extend the scope to domestic installations and look to widen support for a range of technologies and fuel use

## Two phase approach: Phase One



- Non-domestic tariffs at all scales starting in 2011 for a range of technologies, with tariffs paid quarterly over 20 year period
- Small-scale technologies include:
  - Biomass boilers
  - Ground and water source heat pumps
  - Solar thermal
  - No air source heat pumps from outset
  - Payments calculated based on metered use
  - Installations up to 45kWth MCS certification required
  - Installations since 15 July 2009 eligible
  - Scheme administered by Ofgem
  - Scheme funded through general Government spending, not a levy

## Two phase approach: Phase Two



- Second phase of the scheme from October 2012
- Single domestic installations included from 2012
- Installations installed after 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009 will be eligible for RHI providing they meet the eligibility criteria
- Look at introducing a wider range of technologies, fuel uses and other features of the scheme e.g. non-biomass boilers, degression, bio-liquids

## Next steps on the RHI



- Draft regulations were open for comment until 5 April now being finalised
- Clearance through Commission state aid and technical standards
- Aim to get through Parliament in July and open for applications with Ofgem thereafter
- Consult on Phase 2 proposals by end 2011
- Draft regulations spring 2012
- Launch Phase 2 RHI autumn 2012

### **RHI: Domestic**

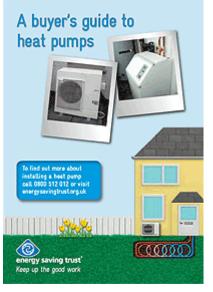


- Ministers wanted to take more time to look at RHI domestic provisions to ensure they are right and sustainable
- Looking again at the design of the scheme, including issues such as:
  - Tariffs
  - Metering or deeming
  - Energy efficiency requirements
  - Backup boilers
  - Value for money is key
  - Introduce support from October 2012 alongside the Green Deal
  - In the meantime, introduce the Premium Payment scheme

# Renewable Heat Premium Payments What is it?











£15m Capital Grant Scheme

### Aims of the scheme



- To ensure deployment of domestic renewable heat, shared across technologies
- 2. To learn about heat technologies and the way consumers use them, particularly off-grid
- 3. To avoid a hiatus which hurts the sector and damages supply chains and manufacturing
- 4. Contribute to renewables target
- 5. Reduce carbon
- 6. Make some contribution to tackling fuel poverty

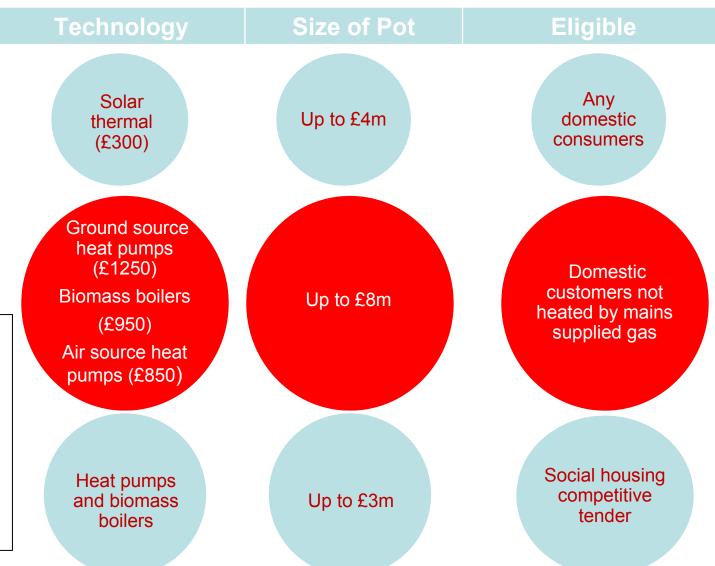
#### How will it work



Great Britain £15m pot

All recipients will have to meet basic energy efficiency standards. They will have to monitor and report on performance.

May be additional monitoring for some recipients.



### **Link to Renewable Heat Incentive**



- As already promised all household equipment installed since 15
   July 2009 will be eligible for the RHI tariff payment
- Premium Payment recipients will be eligible for full RHI tariffs if they
  meet the terms and conditions of that scheme



# Questions?

### **Annex I – Phase one Tariffs**



Levels of support					
Tariff name	Eligible technology	Eligible sizes	Tariff rate (pence/ kWh)	Tariff duration (Years)	Support calculation
Small biomass	Solid biomass; Municipal Solid Waste (incl. CHP)	Less than 200 kWth	Tier 1: <b>7.6</b>		Metering
			Tier 2: <b>1.9</b>	20	Tier 1 applies annually up to the Tier Break, Tier 2 above the Tier Break. The Tier Break is: installed capacity x 1,314
Medium		200 kWth and above; less than 1,000 kWth	Tier 1: <b>4.7</b>		
biomass			Tier 2: <b>1.9</b>		peak load hours, i.e.: kWth x 1,314
Large biomass		1,000 kWth and above	2.6		Metering
Small ground source	Ground-source heat pumps; Water-source heat pumps; deep geothermal	Less than 100 kWth	4.3	20	Metering
Large ground source		100 kWth and above	3		
Solar thermal	Solar thermal	Less than 200 kWth	8.5	20	Metering
Biomethane	Biomethane injection and biogas combustion, except from landfill gas	Biomethane all scales, biogas combustion less than 200 kWth	6.5	20	Metering