

Stations with grants which may impact on their banding under the Renewables Obligation 2009.

Introduction

1.1. This note is designed to provide information to interested parties on the stations which we have been informed were awarded a statutory grant on or before 11 July 2006.

1.2. Under the Renewables Obligation Order 2009¹ stations that were awarded a grant on or before 11 July 2006 and were either accredited after that date or generate electricity from biomass and waste are not able to benefit from banding. However, once the grant has been repaid and evidence of this has been produced to the Authority (Ofgem) the station can start to receive higher banded Renewables Obligation Certificates ROCs.²

1.3. For further background please refer to our generator guidance documents online.³

2. Information Received from Government.

2.1. Table 1 below gives initial information on the stations that the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) have identified were in receipt of Statutory Grants before 11 July 2006.

2.2. DECC are as yet unable to provide an exhaustive list of those stations in receipt of Statutory Grants, due to the need to obtain information from a number of Government departments and agencies.

2.3. The Scottish Executive has confirmed that they had not issued any grants before 11 July 2006.

2.4. The Northern Ireland Authority have confirmed that the only relevant grant was issued by the, then, DTi and therefore features in table 1.

2.5. A live report is being created under our Renewables and CHP register to provide details of those stations who were awarded grants before 11 July 2006, and their repayment status.

3. Microgenerators (stations with a declared net capacity of 50kW or under)

3.1. The 2009 Scotland and the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation Orders specifically exclude Microgenerators from the banding exemptions due to un-repaid grants. DECC have confirmed that grants for Microgenerators under the Low Carbon Buildings Program phase 1 will not be classed as statutory grants.

¹ Also under Renewables Obligation Order (Scotland) 2009 (ROS) and Renewables Obligation Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 (NIRO).

² Article 32 of the RO and ROS and Article 30 of the NIRO refer.

³ Found at www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment

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Schemes awarded relevant grants	Date notified grant repaid.	Ofgem that was
Burbo Offshore Wind Farm (BIG Lottery)	-	
Charlton Energy Ltd, Charlton and Sons (AJ) Ltd	-	
CHP & the production of wood pellets, Balcas Ltd	-	
Eccleshall Biomass Farming for Energy, Eccleshall Biomass Ltd	-	
Farmers Fuelling the Future, Roves Energy Ltd	-	
Gunfleet	-	
Inner Dowsing	-	
Lynn Offshore	-	
Port Talbot Bioenergy Plant, Western Log Group Ltd	-	
Rhyl Flats	-	
Robin Rigg (OERL)	-	
Robin Rigg (SOL)	-	
Steven's Croft Lockerbie, E.ON	01/04/2009	
Titanic Mill Biomass CHP Project, Lowry Renaissance Limited	-	
Wilton 10, Sembcorp	01/04/2009	