

Richard Rodgers

Deputy Secretary, Head of Energy
Department for the Economy

via email only

26 April 2024

Dear Richard,

Termination Notice for NDRHI Administration by Ofgem

On the 20 November 2023, we gave you notice of an intention to terminate the arrangements made under section 114 of the Energy Act 2011 for the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (GEMA) to act on behalf of the Department for the Economy (DfE) for, or in connection with, the carrying out of any functions conferred on DfE for the purposes of the Northern Ireland Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme (“the Arrangements”).

In accordance with Part 12 of the Arrangements, we are hereby giving you formal notice of the termination of the Arrangements. The Arrangements require a minimum notice period of no less than 150 calendar days from the date of the termination notice.

We are giving a termination notice period of 2 years commencing from the date of this Termination Notice letter and ending on 30 April 2026. The Arrangements will terminate no later than the expiry of the termination notice period.

In making our decision on the timeline we have listened to your development plans for the Scheme; your dependencies on legislation, and; the recent public communications from the Northern Ireland Executive on the future of the Scheme.

We are providing a significantly longer period than the minimum 150 calendar day period required to enable DfE adequate time to prepare to take on scheme administration, thereby reducing transition risk and any impact on service delivery to scheme participants.

The Arrangements termination date of 30 April 2026 is the date by which all our scheme administration activity must be complete. However, we will continue until that date to work collaboratively to build and put in to effect transition plans which are in the best interests of scheme participants and protect public money, which may see administration passing to DfE ahead of that date.

We are open to supporting any tariff amendment or scheme closure activity during 2024 and 2025, subject to the required legislation being in place, funding being agreed, delivery dates being achievable and final handover by 30 April 2026.

We will be in contact in due course to provide more detail on this and to further discuss transition plans.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil L', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Neil Lawrence