

23<sup>th</sup> April 2020 11.00 am Gotowebinar

### REA webinar with Ofgem



### Housekeeping for the Webinar

- All please join as muted & without videocam
- Please note where the *question box* is

Thank you



Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- REA work on Covid-19 and business continuity
- Ofgem updates on E-Serve schemes (namely RHI, RO, FIT and SEG) (NOT POLICY ISSUES)
  - Stats on Ofgem operations maintaining BAU
  - Public comms on COVID-19
  - Specific queries:
  - Data submissions on the RO and RHI
  - Annual audit reports for the RO and RHI
  - Changes to the FIT deadline
  - RHI deadlines (to the extent Ofgem can cover this matter)
  - E-Serve schemes payments
  - Fuel Measurement and Sampling questionnaire



# Covid-19 & Business Continuity

### **General business issues:**

we defer to CBI and Trade Union advice

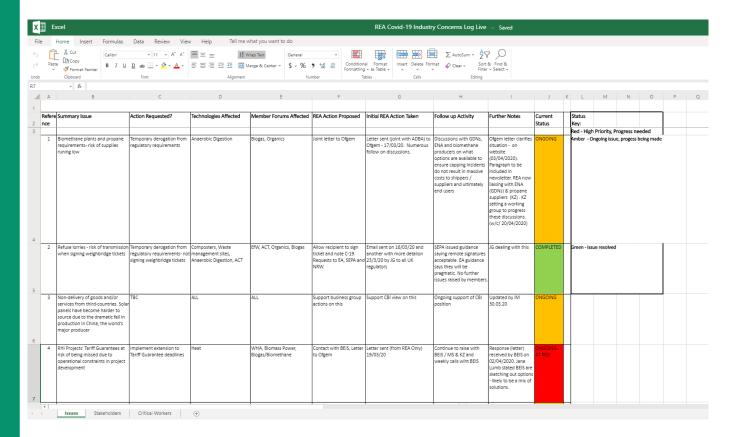
### Sector-specific problems or potential problems:

- REA's issues log (working on 32 issues across the industry and list is growing)
- Number of requests directed to relevant Government, regulators and civil servants
- Weekly calls with Energy Minister & Senior Director within BEIS
- Weekly calls with Defra and Scottish Government
- Regular calls with the group feeding in Business
   Continuity messaging to Number 10 on energy issues
- Senior level contact with all relevant Government Departments and Regulators

Also REA are cited on the UK Government COVID -19 website for Sector specific queries

<u>Coronavirus support from Business Representative Organisations and Trade Associations</u>

### Issue log





### **Government information:**

www.gov.uk/coronavirus



### Covid-19 & Business Continuity

### Important Information Sources

### Information for REA members only

- REA's <u>Webpage</u> on Covid-19
- REA's <u>briefing</u> summarising all guidance available from Government, Regulator, Trade Body and Trade Union Covid-19 Policies
- REA's <u>briefing</u> on Furloughing staff and the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
- Ofgem <u>response</u> to request for information on propane contingency plans
- BEIS initial <u>response</u> to REA's letter on RHI Tariff Guarantees commissioning deadlines.
- BEIS sector specific <u>briefing</u> on Government action for the heat sector.
- Environment Agency's <u>view</u> on Technical Competence Management Attendance and other docs from EA and SEPA
- Information/clarifications on essential sectors/key workers, and much more

COVID 19 - SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS AT THIS CHALLENGING TIME

## Covid-19 & Business Continuity

## Examples of specific issues (1)

### 1. RHI projects at risk

- Letter to BEIS cc Ofgem to request:
  - Derogation / grace period for RHI TG projects
  - Extension to the ND RHI scheme
  - Urgent clarification of announcements made in the Budget on third allocation round of Tariff Guarantees
- Extensive list of case studies / examples of projects at risks submitted
- Raised during weekly calls with BEIS, including the Head of the RHI
- BEIS currently sketching out options more than one fix may be needed
- Extension to FITs may set a strong precedent for similar action for the ND RHI?

### 2. Difficulties in accessing the Government's Covid-19 Business Interruption Loan Scheme and other financial support



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# Examples of specific issues (2)

### 3. Feedstocks

Fed to BEIS, Defra, Ofgem and environmental regulators concerns over feedstock supply

- AD plants: reduction in feedstocks, mainly from commercial sources and some from LAs
- Biomass supply chain disruptions: e.g. disruption to the construction and demolition industry and closure of Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Request to Government to accelerate settlement of ROC claims and extend RO eligibility by one year
- Progressing discussions with Ofgem on temporary changes to FMS rules under RHI and RO to allow new feedstocks.
- Lobbied Defra to ensure food waste collections are classed as priority collections - which they now are, see Defra's <u>guidance</u>
- Working with suppliers of surplus food wastes to match them with AD plants with spare capacity - Joint REA/ADBA <u>UK-wide survey</u> to identify AD plants with capacity

### Questions?

