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Feed-In Tariffs

Dear Gavin,

Thank you for your email dated 28 March to David Kidney about Feed-In Tariffs (FITs). I am replying as the Duty Minister and the Minister responsible for this policy area.

You were concerned about flaws in the FITs and Renewables Obligation (RO) arrangements. As you may be aware the Order launching the scheme was signed by the Secretary of State on 30 March so providing the alternative for small scale generators removed from the RO.

The government response to the consultation on feed-in tariffs, published in February, makes it clear that hydroelectricity generators with capacity less than 50kW will require certification under the Microgeneration Certification Scheme.

The Microgeneration Certification Scheme is continuing to look at what would be appropriate certification for small scale hydroelectric schemes, which when concluded will provide a basis for receiving a Feed-In Tariff, as may be inferred from the provision of a tariff scale for the technology.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phil Hunt', written over a light blue horizontal line.

RT HON LORD HUNT OF KINGS HEATH OBE