

Network Innovation Competition Full Submission

Supplementary Answer Form

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Project code:	NGGDGN01	Question Number	20
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Submission section question relates to	None given		
Topic	None given		
Question	Do you consider that this technology has the potential to qualify under the RHI? What plans do you have to engage with DECC on the further development of this technology?		
Notes on question			
Answer	<p>Yes, the operational RHI explicitly supports biomethane injection into the Gas Grid where the biomethane is produced via gasification followed by methanation of the arising syngas: BioSNG. The regulations explicitly allow the feedstock to be solid biomass or waste (The Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme Regulations 2011).</p> <p>This is not a passive inclusion, but required changes by DECC in primary legislation to ensure it was included. (Statutory Instrument 2011 2195: Amendment to the 2008 Energy Act 'Section 100(3) modification of definition of "<i>biogas</i>" to mean '<i>gas produced by the anaerobic or thermal conversion of biomass</i>'. Since the RHI has been introduced DECC has continued its commitment to BioSNG.</p> <p>This is the culmination of a long standing pursuit of the technology by DECC, publically expressed in the 2009 Heat and Energy Saving Strategy Consultation, and remains a core element in the 2013 DECC Heat Strategy: 'The Future of heating: Meeting the Challenge'.</p> <p>This position has been, <i>inter alia</i>, due to the active, frequent and current engagement with DECC by the consortium partners over the last 4 years.</p>		

	<p>Through this project, the partners plan to showcase the project to DECC ministers as well as engaging with our existing contacts throughout the programme. Within DECC these contacts include: the Heat and industry team (David Wagstaff), the Bio Energy team (Stella Matakidou, Megan Cooper, Catherine Halter), the 2050 Team (David Mackay), and the Gas Team (Edmund Hosker, Chris Barton). More widely the consortium is also engaged with other key stakeholders including: the Committee for Climate Change (David Kennedy, David Joffe), the National Non Food Crop Centre (Jeremy Tompkinson), the Energy Technology Institute (Paul Winstanley) as well as the REA Biogas and gasification groups, and the ENA Gas Futures Group which Marcus Stewart chairs.</p>
Attachments	
Verbal Clarifications (Consultants)	