Biomass District Heating and the Heat Network Regulations

Regional Seminar Series: Northern England and Scotland

A series of seminars exploring the legal requirements of providing heat from a district heating network, and how to deliver greater efficiency from your system.





The new Heat Network Regulations, which come into force in December 2016, have significant implications for the owners and operators of district heating schemes of all sizes. The uptake of district heating using biomass boilers has been considerable under the Renewable Heat Incentive, with hundreds of new schemes installed across the UK since 2011.

Many installers and scheme owners have implemented biomass district heating projects without fully understanding the legislative environment in which they will operate. In addition, there is mounting concern and evidence that many biomass district heating schemes are not operating as efficiently as they could.

re:heat are running a series of technical seminars where you can find out more about compliance with the Heat Network Regulations, how to improve scheme efficiency, and also get an RHI and biomass sector update.

Who Should Attend?

The seminars are intended for anyone who owns or is developing a biomass district scheme - particularly in the rural, forestry or agricultural sectors. Housing associations and local authorities will also benefit.

What Can You Expect to Learn?

Effective metering and other system controls can help make significant improvements to scheme efficiency, and we will explain how you can achieve this at the same time as ensuring legal compliance with the Heat Network Regulations.

The seminars will also provide an opportunity to network with other owners of biomass district heating schemes in your area, and to hear from our team of expert speakers.

There will be several opportunities for question and answers. The focus will be on :

- The new legal requirements under the Heat Network Regulations that, by December 2016, all heat customers must have a heat meter fitted and owners must meet other obligations or face enforcement action.
- Explaining how improved controls, metering and other measures can greatly improve underperforming systems, drive up RHI income and drive down wood fuel costs.
- Updating attendees on national policy on biomass heat and the future of the RHI, enabling you to respond to future policy and support measures more effectively.



Dates and Venues

Tuesday 27th September 2016Ayrshire - Craufurdland CastleTuesday 11th October 2016Aberdeenshire - Inverurie, Thainstone CentreTuesday 25th October 2016Perthshire - Battleby, Battleby CentreTuesday 8th November 2016Cumbria - Penrith, The Rheged CentreTuesday 15th November 2016North Yorkshire - Moulton, The Black BullTuesday 22nd November 2016Scottish Borders - Carfraemill, Carfraemill HotelTuesday 6th December 2016Northumberland - Morpeth, Cockle Park

Each seminar will start at 9.45am and end with lunch and networking.

Seminar Agenda

- 9.45am Registration and coffee
- 10.00am Introductions by re:heat
- 10.15am Scope and purpose of the Heat Meter Regulations
- 10.45am Legal compliance
- 11.00am Improving efficiencies and troubleshooting biomass heating schemes
- 11.45am Update on RHI and national policy
- 12.15pm Networking and lunch
- 1.00pm End

Please note the agenda may be subject to change.

Booking a Place

To book a place or find out more about this seminar series, please contact :

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The event costs £90.00+VAT per person, or £75.00+VAT per person for existing re:heat customers.



Seminar Organisers

These seminars have been created and organised by re:heat, working with Ward Hadaway Law Firm. They are part of our ongoing efforts to drive up quality standards in the biomass sector, and have been developed for the benefit of biomass district heating scheme operators

re:heat is one of the UK's leading biomass energy companies, undertaking design and installation of biomass systems, and providing feasibility studies, expert witness reports, remedial works, financial modeling, supply chain development and regulatory advice. Clients range from farms and rural estates in the agricultural and forestry sectors, to the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC), the NHS, United Nations Development Programme and many local authorities and housing associations.

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