Secretary of State's determination of quarterly solar photovoltaic deployment

In accordance with Article 13A of The Feed-in Tariffs (Specified Maximum Capacity and Functions) Order 2012 (hereafter," the Order"), the Secretary of State has determined that the deployment of solar photovoltaic (PV) installations for the period 01/02/2013 to 31/03/2013 (two months only – see below for explanation) was as follows:

Installations with declared net capacity of:	Aggregate capacity deployed in period (kW)
>0-10kW	44,213
>10-50kW	12,395
>50kW and stand- alone	13,945

For installations with a declared net capacity of 50kW or less, the data in the table above comprise the aggregate declared net capacity of relevant installations which, in the period above, were registered on the MCS database.

For installations with a declared net capacity greater than 50kW, the data in the table above comprise the aggregate total installed capacity of relevant installations which, in the period above, were determined by the Authority to be entitled to accreditation (this includes installations given preliminary accreditation).

This determination is based on the 'MCS and ROOFiT Pipeline Statistics' table published by the Department on a monthly basis, and available at https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-energy-climate-

change/series/feed-in-tariff-statistics#statistical-data-sets.

This deployment data will be used by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (Ofgem) under Article 13 of the Order to determine the FIT payment rates for solar PV installations with eligibility dates between 1 July 2013 and 30 September 2013, in accordance with Annex 3 to Schedule A to Standard Licence Condition 33. The new payment rates will be published by Ofgem before the end of the month at

http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/fits/tariff-tables/Pages/index.aspx.

Two Month Degression Quarter

The original PV policy decision (<u>announced in July 2012</u>) was for Solar Tariff Periods to be 1 Aug/Nov/Feb/May/(and then Aug again). Following publication of <u>Phase 2b Government Response</u>, in which the degression for Non PV installations is annual (on 1 April each year), it makes more sense to align the two degression policies.

To achieve this alignment, the next solar tariff period will last for 2 months only (1 May - 30 June 2013) and will be based on the Solar Deployment Period 1 November 2012 to 31 January 2013.

The following solar tariff period (1 July 2013 – 30 September 2013) described above will use deployment for a two month solar deployment period (1 February 2013 to 31 March 2013) and the trigger will be set at 2/3 of a normal degression trigger level. This decision is provided at paragraph 19 on page 32 of the FEED-IN TARIFFS: MODIFICATIONS TO THE

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LICENCES (No. 4 of 2012), available here.