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Biofuels Obligation Scheme – 2017 Consultation on future increases in the biofuels obligation rate

In reply to questions 1 and 6 in particular of the Department's consultation document:

The legislation grounding the Biofuels Blending Obligation (BBO), includes provision for it to include gaseous transport fuels.¹

tccb-RESOURCE submits that with compressed natural gas (CNG) transport options due to become more readily available in Ireland between now and 2020, that the BBO include provision for an obligation on producers of CNG for transport to blend in a renewable biomethane component.

Moreover, tccb RESOURCE submits that provision should be included for recognition of the added environmental benefits of using biomethane that has been sourced from sustainable and indigenous residues, by-products and waste-based materials.

Under the SEAI RD&D Programme 2018, tccb-RESOURCE has recently produced a report on energy recovery from residual biomass, which it can share with the Department in relation to availability of a supply-base of residual biomass for energy recovery.

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¹ Section 3, the Energy (Biofuel Obligation and Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2010 (the Biofuel Obligation Act), amending the National Oil Reserves Agency Act 2007 (the NORA Act).