

**Levy Exemption Certificates (LECs)** - issued to renewable energy generators for electricity that reaches the utility (i.e. not consumed within the home), they allow the supplier to 'badge' the electricity as being free from the Climate Change Levy.

**MicroCHP** - CHP at the scale of a single dwelling, used in place of a domestic central heating boiler.

**Ofgem** - Ofgem (Office of Gas and Electricity Markets) is the UK energy regulator, charged with: making gas and electricity markets work effectively, regulating monopoly businesses, intelligently securing Britain's gas and electricity supplies, meeting its increased social and environmental responsibilities.

**Photovoltaics (PV)** - the direct conversion of solar radiation into electricity by the interaction of light with the electrons in a semi-conductor device or cell.

**Regional Development Agencies (RDAs)** - the agencies aim to co-ordinate regional economic development and regeneration, enable the English regions to improve their relative competitiveness and reduce the imbalances that exist within and between regions.

**Renewable Energy Guarantee of Origin (REGOs)** - a guarantee of origin issued by Ofgem in respect of electricity produced from a renewable source.

**Renewables Obligation (RO)** - the obligation placed on electricity suppliers to deliver a stated proportion of their electricity from eligible renewable energy sources.

**Renewables Obligation Certificates (ROCs)** - eligible renewable generators receive ROCs for each MWh of electricity generated. These certificates can be sold to suppliers. In order to fulfil their RO suppliers can present enough certificates to cover the required percentage of their output, or pay a 'buyout price' per MWh for any shortfall. All proceeds from buyout payments are recycled to suppliers in proportion to the number of ROCs they present.

**Sector Skills Councils** - independent, UK-wide organisations developed by groups of influential employers in industry or business sectors of economic or strategic significance, to tackle skills and productivity needs of their sector throughout the UK.

**Social enterprise** - a business with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the business or in the community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders and owners.

**Sustainable Consumption Roundtable** - a joint project from the National Consumer Council (NCC) and the Sustainable Development Commission (SDC) charged with building wide ownership of sustainable consumption, and producing practical advice for actions to create a shift to more sustainable lifestyles.

