



NIRHI Report – Restricted

The NIRHI scheme incentivises the use of renewable heat for (initially) non-domestic applications. Ofgem E-Serve accredits and approves payments for renewable heat installations in accordance with legislative requirements from DETI.

Accreditations Summary:

| | April | May | June | Cumulative scheme to date |
|---|-------|-----|------|---------------------------|
| Applications Received | 55 | 54 | 54 | 725 |
| Applications Accredited (Inc preliminary & exclusive of rejections & amendments) | 47 | 32 | 35 | 517 |
| Amendments Approved | 2 | 0 | 1 | 28 |
| Preliminary Approvals | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Rejected Applications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| * Applications with applicant at month end | 50 | 69 | 74 | - |
| * Applications with Ofgem at month end | 120 | 124 | 139 | - |
| Capacity Installed MW | 4 | 3 | 3 | 50** |
| Active Full Accredited Cumulative Installations | - | - | - | 512 |

* These numbers are indicative as they are a snapshot in time and may fluctuate dependent upon the month-end reporting cycle.

** Please note the cumulative total shows only active Full Accredited Installations.

Accreditations: We received 54 applications in June, the same as what was received in May. There were 35 applications approved which is also in line with May.

Rejections: Total rejections for the NI scheme: 1 reported in September 2013.

State Aid: In line with our agreement, DETI continues to conduct state aid analysis on NIRHI applications which are in receipt of public support which is not a grant (e.g. Carbon Trust loans). Their decision on whether the state aid received amounts to the provision of other public support when the EU de minimis aid regulation is applied is fed back to us to inform our accreditation decision. This month, four installations in receipt of state aid were accredited, bringing the total to 30.

Periodic Data: 179 live submissions were received in this month; 171 submissions had reviews completed; 32 of 171 (18.71%) were sent back to participant to correct errors.



Enquiries: We received 182 calls and 160 email enquiries during May compared to 164 calls and 150 emails in April.

Grants: Any applicant in receipt of a grant from public funds or other public support can now repay to the person or authority who made it in order to access NIRHI support. In contrast to the GB scheme, DETI has not included the option for a reduced tariff payment which is available under the GB Regulations in limited circumstances.

Payments: RHI payments made in June 2015 totalled £1,084,216 for 17.7 GWh of eligible heat. Total payment to date is £7,531,292 for 131.3GWh of eligible heat. 1421 individual payments have been made to date since the inception of the Scheme.

Suspected Fraud Investigations: As at 1 July 2015 we have no cases of suspected fraud under investigation on the Northern Ireland (NI) NDRHI scheme.

Audits: The audit strategy for the NI audit programme for 2015/16 has not yet been finalised internally, although we expect to do about 8 audits (based on 3% of GB audits undertaken). The team will be looking to select some sites for audit by the end of July.

Compliance: There are 16 open compliance cases. Of these 10 cases have not yet been started, 3 are in review, 2 are with applicant and 1 is with PDS team.

Complaints: No NI complaints open or received this year to date.

Disputes: No NI disputes open or received this year to date.

NIRHI Development: DETI have decided on a number of policy proposals which detail proposed amendments to the scheme, based upon the outputs of the Phase 2 consultation. We are in the process of developing a feasibility study, due for delivery at the end of July. DETI would like two of the proposals (CHP tariffs and extension of the medium biomass banding along with tiering) to go live in October and the rest likely to be early 2016.

