



## 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:

	August	September	October	Cumulative scheme to date
<b>Applications Received</b>	28	27	41	334
<b>Applications Accredited (Inc preliminary &amp; exclusive of rejections &amp; amendments)</b>	24	12	43	221
<b>Amendments Approved</b>	2	0	2	13
<b>Preliminary Approvals</b>	0	0	0	1
<b>Rejected Applications</b>	0	0	0	1
<b>* Applications with applicant at month end</b>	32	34	27	-
<b>* Applications with Ofgem at month end</b>	68	81	92	-
<b>Capacity Installed MW</b>	2	1	4	21**
<b>Active Full Accredited Cumulative Installations</b>	-			216

\* 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 41 applications in October, an increase of 52% on September and the highest number of applications received in a month. There were 43 applications accredited, an increase of 258% on September and the highest number of applications approved in a month.

**Rejections:** There has been 1 rejection on the NI scheme, reported in September 2013. The rejection reason: Carbon Trust – loan from public funds. However, following subsequent Statutory Review process the installation has now been accredited onto the scheme. Total rejections for the NI scheme: 1

**State Aid:** DETI revoked the above decision to reject an applicant in receipt of a Carbon Trust loan. This month we agreed with DETI that any applications in receipt of public support (state aid) which is not a grant from public funds will undergo state aid analysis to confirm that RHI payments would not cause the total state aid received by the



installation owner to exceed the amount of state aid permitted for their industry type under the state aid 'de minimis' regulation. Carbon Trust loans, as a form of state aid, are included in this procedure. Our agreement with DETI allocates the responsibility for state aid analysis to DETI who will report their findings to us. We will then make the accreditation decision. Contact with DETI on the issue is managed through the Grants team.

**Periodic Data:** 70 submissions were received in October; 78 submissions had reviews completed; 38 of 78 (48.72%) were sent back to participant to correct errors.

**Enquiries:** We have received 222 calls and 114 email enquiries during October compared to 179 calls and 101 emails in September.

**Grants:** DETI has informed us that they intend to amend the legislation regarding publicly funded grants and other public support to make the option to repay available in all circumstances by removing the current restriction based on completion and commissioning dates.

**Payments:** RHI payments made in October 2014 totalled £234,910.91 for 3,745 MWh of eligible heat. Total payment to date is £1,481,165.87 for 26.0 GWh of eligible heat. 402 individual payments have been made to date since the inception of the Scheme.

#### **Suspected Fraud Investigations**

As at 3 November 2014 we have no cases of suspected fraud under investigation on the Northern Ireland (NI) NDRHI scheme. Since 3 October 2014, we have closed one case of suspected fraud on the NI NDRHI scheme.

**Audits:** 5 audits YTD have been carried out, of these 3 were non compliant (60%), however only 2 of the 6 presented non-compliances with a material impact (i.e. 33% material non-compliance rate). Confirmation is still required from DETI regarding the number of audits they would like us to complete this year- we are anticipating a further 6 audits will be completed before March 2015.

**Communications:** Not applicable yet.

**NIRHI Development:** We are awaiting further instructions from DETI as to how and when they would like to progress their Phase 2 consultation proposals. We are also in the process of agreeing a Data Sharing Protocol with DETI – the content for this is nearly finalised and with DETI for review.

