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Marisa

If it helps, key assumptions for NIRHI that I pulled out from the ConDoc Exec Summary are:

- NIRHI will be available to all those in the non-domestic sector (with specific eligibility standards for large industrial sites) and will support new renewable heat installations, commissioned after the 1 September 2010.
- Eligible technologies include solid and gaseous biomass, bioliquids, solar thermal, ground air source heat-pumps, on site biogas, geothermal, energy from waste and injection of biomethane into the grid.
- A long term support scheme for the domestic sector will be available from October 2012. In advance of this, Renewable Heat Premium Payments will be available to domestic installations commissioned after 1 September 2010. Existing gas consumers will not be eligible for renewable Heat Premium Payments. Those who are awarded support under this scheme would remain eligible for NORHI at reduced rate.
- Payments will be claimed by and paid to the owner of the heat installation or the producer of biomethane.
- Payments will be made on a quarterly basis over 20 years, tariff levels will be grandfathered and payments guaranteed for 20 years.
- NI RHI will be in place by 1 April 2012
- NI RHI will be open to new applicants until 31 March 2020

If there is something similar for GB RHI then this should cover majority of assumptions page. But if you have a better way in mind to cover this then that's fine.

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