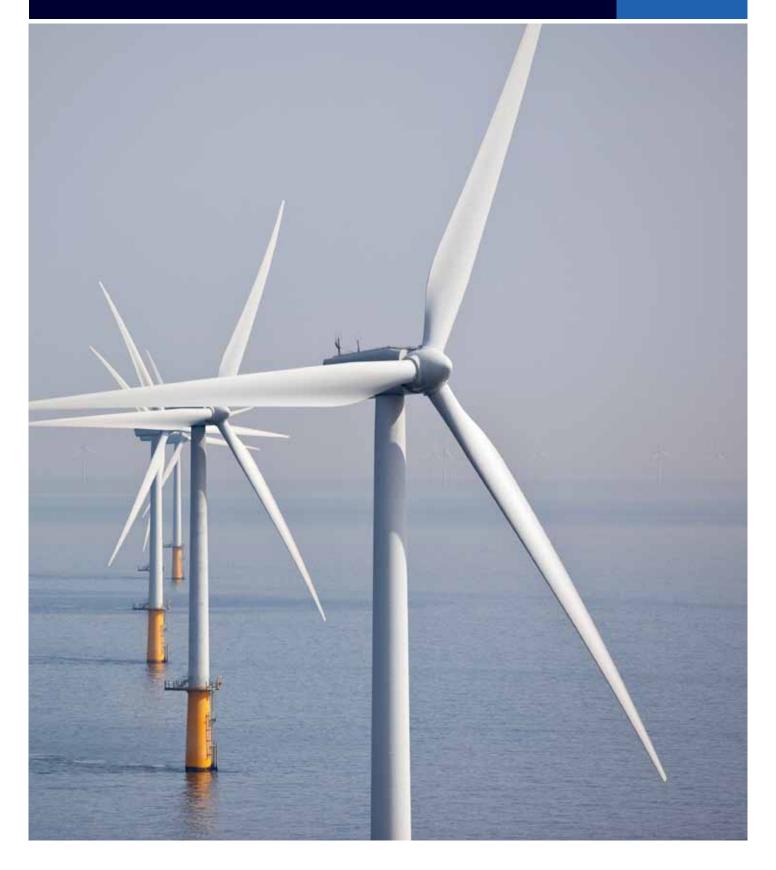


Renewables Obligation Annual Report 2011-12





Overview

The Renewables Obligation (RO) is currently the main mechanism for supporting large scale deployment of renewable electricity in the UK. It places an obligation on licensed electricity suppliers in the UK to source a proportion of their supply to customers from eligible renewable sources. The obligation level is set on an annual basis by the UK and devolved governments.

All of the suppliers with an obligation under the RO in 2011-12 complied by presenting Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs), making a buy-out payment, or through a combination of both. During the period, offshore and onshore wind generating stations were issued with more ROCs than other renewable technologies. They also comprised a greater share of new generating capacity than other technologies accredited by Ofgem. For the first time, renewable generation under the RO exceeded 10% of all UK supplies of electricity.

¹The Renewables Obligation Order 2009 (as amended) (RO), Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Order 2009 (as amended) (ROS) and Renewables Obligation Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 (as amended) (NIRO). See Appendix 1 for a full list of recent RO legislation.

Context

The Renewables Obligation (RO) is currently the main mechanism for supporting large scale deployment of renewable electricity in the UK. The scheme came into effect in England and Wales and Scotland in 2002 and in Northern Ireland in 2005. It is governed by three separate, though similar, Orders to reflect the responsibilities of the three devolved administrations.

The Renewables Obligation Orders¹ ('the Orders') place an obligation on licensed electricity suppliers in the UK to source a proportion of their supply to customers from eligible renewable sources. The obligation is set on an annual basis by the UK and devolved governments in terms of a certain number of Renewables Obligation Certificates (ROCs) per MWh of electricity supplied to customers.

ROCs are issued to accredited generators by Ofgem on the basis of their reported renewable generation. Licensed suppliers fulfil their obligations under the RO by presenting ROCs acquired from generators, or by making a fixed 'buy-out' payment per ROC, or through a combination of both.

The scheme has been subject to various amendments, the most significant being in April 2009 through the introduction of 'banding' where different levels of financial support were awarded to generators based on their generation technology. Further changes in April 2010 included extending the scheme, from 31 March 2027, in England and Wales and Scotland until 31 March 2037 and in Northern Ireland until 31 March 2033.

The RO schemes are administered by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority') with its day to day functions performed by its office ("Ofgem"). Each year an annual report is published to meet requirements set out in the Orders, as well as addressing the duties in Ofgem's 'Corporate Strategy and Plan' towards "delivery of government programmes for a sustainable energy sector".

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Associated documents

Annual reports for all the previous obligation periods are published on the Environmental Programmes section of the Ofgem website: http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/RenewablObl/Pages/RenewablObl.aspx

Guidance for licensed electricity suppliers and generators that are seeking or currently hold accreditation under the RO can be found here: http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/RenewablObl/Pages/RenewablObl.aspx

We also have data reports available to download from our Renewables and CHP Register: https://www.renewablesandchp.ofgem.gov.uk/

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Executive Summary

Renewables Obligation 2011-12

This report provides information for the 2011-12 obligation period (1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012) on how licensed electricity suppliers complied with their obligations, the number of Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs) that were issued and the eligible generators we accredited under the The Renewables Obligation Orders.

The obligation level is set each year by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) using a 'fixed target' or a 'headroom' calculation. In 2011-12 the headroom calculation was applied. This resulted in an obligation on licensed suppliers in England and Wales and Scotland to present 12.4 ROCs per 100 MWh of electricity supplied to customers, and 5.5 ROCs per 100 MWh in Northern Ireland.

Supplier compliance with the obligation

All of the suppliers with an obligation under the RO in 2011-12 complied by presenting ROCs, making a buy-out payment, or through a combination of both. The buy-out and late payment funds available for redistribution to suppliers totalled £123 million, a 66% decrease from £358 million the previous year. This was due to a large proportion, 91.3%, of suppliers' obligations being met through ROCs, up from 71.9% in 2010-11. In total, 34.4 million ROCs were presented for compliance in 2011-12, an increase of nearly 40% from the previous year.

Based on the value of a ROC of £42.27, the total value of the ROCs presented for compliance in 2011-12 was £1.45 billion. These redeemed ROCs represented 30.7 TWh of renewable generation, a saving of 15.1m tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO_2) . From these figures, the cost of saving each tonne of CO_2 under the scheme in 2011-12 can be calculated as £96.61.

ROCs and generation accreditation trends

During 2011-12 we issued 34.8 million ROCs and the total output from accredited renewable generating stations was 31.0 TWh, an increase of 34% compared to 2010-11. The total electricity supplied in the UK in 2011-12 was 308 TWh. Thus for first time renewable generation under the RO exceeded 10% of all electricity supplied.

The number of ROCs issued and the amount of renewable output (MWh) from eligible generators continued to diverge in 2011-12, with one MWh being on average equivalent to 1.12 ROCs, an increase from 1.07 ROCs in 2010-11. This reflects the increasing output from stations being awarded more than one ROC per MWh, in particular offshore wind generators.

When considering the UK as a whole, the most prevalent technology in 2011-12 in terms of ROCs issued was onshore wind with 11.7 million ROCs, almost doubling the figure of 6.2 million ROCs issued to this technology in 2008-09. Offshore wind and fuelled generation followed with 8.8 million and 6.0 million ROCs issued respectively.

The total capacity of all stations with accreditations commencing up to 31 March 2012 was almost 12,500 MW. Of this total, onshore wind generators made up nearly 40%, with offshore wind and fuelled generators

contributing 21% and 24%, respectively. In this report we have adopted a new method of calculating the accredited capacities of fuelled stations in order to provide a more representative estimate of the capacities of inactive generators. The effect has been to produce an increase in the accredited capacity of fuelled stations to just under 3,000 MW compared to 2,100 MW under the previous methodology.

Renewable generators, with accreditations commencing during 2011-12, contributed nearly 1,500 MW of new capacity. This included over 1,400 MW of new offshore and onshore wind generation sites; the majority of new onshore wind being in Scotland and new offshore wind in England.

bands, 'grace periods' are to be introduced to allow, in certain situations, grandfathering of support at pre 1 April 2013 levels. In addition, the present limit on the presentation of cofired ROCs for compliance by suppliers will be removed; however a cap on the presentation of ROCs from electricity generated by the combustion of bioliquids will be introduced.

As a result of changes introduced by the 2011 Amendment Orders, and to ensure the RO scheme continues to be managed effectively, Ofgem has amended or produced several new guidance documents and carried out upgrades to the Renewables and CHP Register.

Changes to the RO

Changes to each of the RO Orders, known as 'Amendment Orders' were made by the respective administrations and came into effect in April 2011. These included the introduction of sustainability requirements for bioliquids, biomass and biogas. Additionally, provisions were introduced that enable offshore wind generators to register their wind turbines in up to five "phases" to allow the 20 year support available under the RO to apply to all turbines within an installation.

Further amendment orders covering the three RO schemes are due to come into force in April 2013. Under the proposed changes, for many technologies the support levels are due to decrease over time for new stations and additional capacity accredited from April 2013. In particular, new ROC bands will be introduced for new biomass and co-firing technologies and a 'unit by unit' approach will be established to facilitate conversion by operators with multiple combustion units to use biomass fuels. In addition, the definition of energy crops will be changed to limit support to the use of 15 named species. In light of the decrease in support provided under certain

Chapter 1Introduction



1. Introduction

Status of this document

- 1.1. RO legislation², collectively referred to as 'the Orders' in this report, sets out that the Authority must publish, by 1 April each year, a report in relation to the obligation period ending on 31 March of the previous year (the 'relevant period'). The Orders state the minimum information this report must include is³:
 - details of the compliance of each designated electricity supplier with its renewables obligation and the recycle payments received by each supplier in relation to its obligation
 - Renewable Obligation Certificates (ROCs) issued by the Authority broken down by generation technology
 - full details of any mutualisation triggered
 - the outcome of any investigations conducted by the Authority into monitoring the compliance of suppliers and generators with the Orders.
- 1.2. Additional information not stipulated in the legislation, but which may be of interest to stakeholders, is also provided in this report.
- 1.3. Unless apparent from the context, where 'RO' is used in this report it denotes the Renewables Obligation England and Wales (RO), Renewables Obligation Scotland (ROS) and the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation (NIRO). Similarly, where 'ROC' is used it denotes Renewables Obligation Certificates (ROCs) England and Wales, Scottish Renewables Obligation Certificates (SROCs) and Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation Certificates (NIROCs).

- 1.4. The use of 'Ofgem', 'us', 'our' and 'we' are used interchangeably when referring to the exercise of the Authority's powers and functions under the Orders.
- 1.5. The data used to produce this report were downloaded on 11 December 2012 from the Renewables and CHP Register, referred to in this report as 'the Register'. Data downloaded from the Register after the 11 December 2012 may vary slightly from the data in this report, as Ofgem may have since revoked or back issued certificates and accredited new generating capacity.

Ofgem's responsibilities

- 1.6. The Orders detail Ofgem's powers and functions in respect of each obligation. Those functions include:
 - accrediting generating stations as being capable of generating electricity from eligible renewable energy sources
 - publishing a list of accredited and preliminary accredited generating stations
 - issuing and revoking (where necessary) ROCs
 - establishing and maintaining a register of ROCs
 - monitoring compliance with the requirements of the Orders
 - calculating annually the buy-out price and mutualisation ceiling resulting from the adjustments made to reflect changes in the Retail Price Index (RPI)
 - receiving buy-out payments and late payments from suppliers and redistributing these funds.

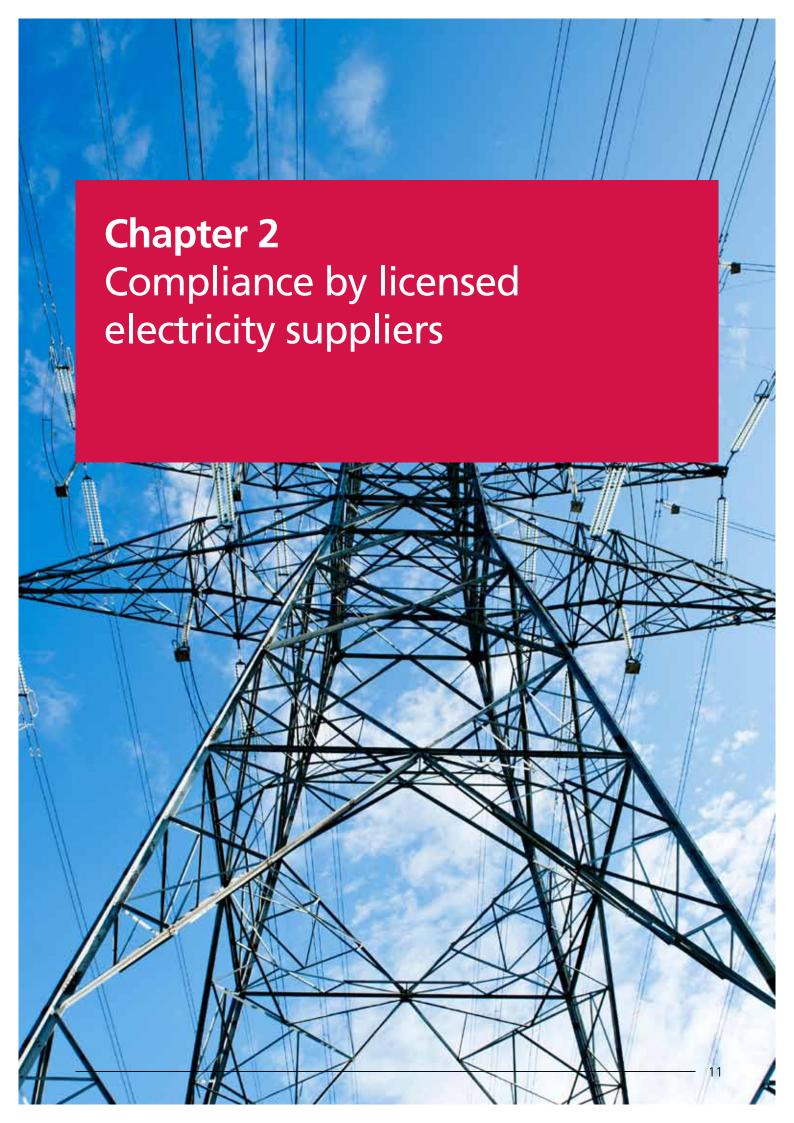
 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ See Appendix 1 for a full list of current RO legislation.

³ See Article 57 of the RO and ROS, Article 49 of the NIRO.

- 1.7. By virtue of section 121 of the Energy Act 2004, the Authority and the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (NIAUR) can enter into an arrangement for the Authority to act on behalf of NIAUR in respect of the NIRO. This arrangement is facilitated by an Agency Services Agreement (ASA) with NIAUR. Under this agreement, Ofgem is required to carry out the functions listed above on behalf of NIAUR. However, NIAUR retains the statutory responsibility for administering the NIRO.
- 1.8. Ofgem and NIAUR recover the cost to administer the RO from the buy-out fund. In September 2012 the total recovered was £3.5 million, which represents 0.17%⁴ of the total value of the scheme for 2012-13. This is a decrease from the 2011-12 costs of £3.6 million (0.22% of the scheme value in that year). In part this was due to the additional work needed in 2011-12, following the introduction of sustainability criteria requirements to the RO in April 2011, which was not required in 2012-13. Furthermore, the 2011-12 costs included an additional element pertaining to a legal challenge. We published more details in our response to comments made on the 'Consultation on Ofgem's costs for administering the Renewables Obligation'5 in September 2012.

⁴ The value of the RO scheme is calculated at £2.04 billion by multiplying the estimated supply of electricity in the UK in 2012/13 (317 TWh – DECC electricity consumption predictions (UEP 42), May 2011) by the obligation level (15.8 ROCs per 100 MWh) and then multiplying by the 2012/13 ROC buy-out price (£40.71).

⁵ See consultation response here: http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Pages/MoreInformation.aspx?docid=286&refer=Sustainability/Environment/RenewablObl



2. Compliance by licensed electricity suppliers

Chapter Summary

This chapter, when read with Appendix 2, provides information on:

- how each licensed electricity supplier ('supplier') complied with its obligation under the Orders for the 2011-12 obligation period
- the total number of ROCs presented against each supplier's obligation
- the money each supplier received from the redistribution of the buy-out and late payment funds
- details of any late provision of information by suppliers under the Orders.
- 2.1. The Orders require each supplier to source a proportion of the electricity that it supplies to customers in the UK from eligible renewable sources⁶. The obligation level is set by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) six months in advance of each obligation period by using a 'fixed target' or a 'headroom' calculation⁷. The higher of the two figures produced by these calculations is that which is used to set the obligation level for a particular obligation period.
- 2.2. In 2011-12 the headroom calculation was applied. This resulted in an obligation in England and Wales and Scotland for suppliers to present 12.4 ROCs per 100 megawatt-hours (MWh) of electricity supplied to customers, and 5.5 ROCs per 100 MWh in Northern Ireland. If the fixed target had been used the obligation would have been set at 11.4 ROCs per 100 MWh in England and Wales and Scotland and 5.0 ROCs per 100 MWh in Northern Ireland.

- 2.3. Suppliers can meet their obligation by presenting the specified number of ROCs, making a fixed 'buy-out' payment for each ROC not presented, or by a combination of both.
- 2.4. The total Renewables Obligation across all suppliers is determined by multiplying the obligation level set by DECC and the total MWh of electricity supplied in the UK (from data provided by each supplier). For 2011-12 the total RO was almost 37.7 million ROCs; an increase of 2.9 million ROCs (8.4%) from the previous year.
- 2.5. The number of ROCs presented for compliance across the UK increased by nearly 40% from 25 million in 2010-11 to 34.4 million in 2011-12. This latter figure is in close agreement with the prediction made by DECC when setting the level of the obligations. In October 2010 the level of 2011-12 obligation was set using a predicted figure for ROCs issued of 34.5 million plus a 10% headroom figure⁸.

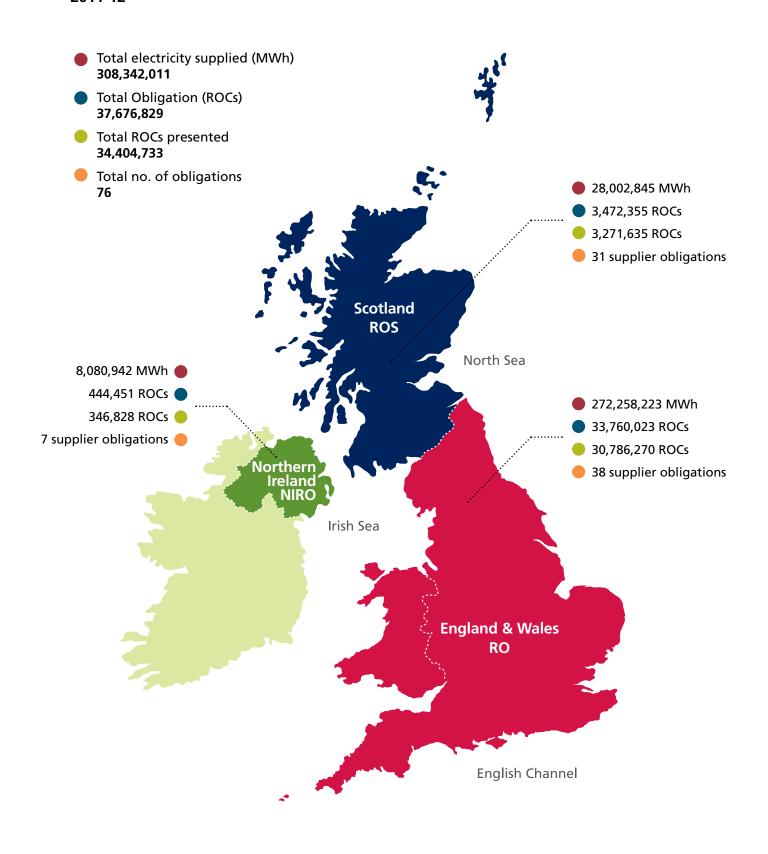
⁶ See Article 2(1) of the Orders for the definition of renewable output.

⁷ See Article 12 of the Orders or DECC's annual publication 'calculating the obligation'

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See DECC's 'Calculating the Level of the Renewables Obligation' for 2011/12, published 1 October 2010. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/calculating-the-level-of-the-renewables-obligation

Map 1: Compliance by licensed electricity suppliers against each obligation in the UK in 2011-12



- 2.6. The proportion of the total UK obligation met by the presentation of ROCs increased from 71.9% in 2010-11 to 91.3% in 2011-12. The total generation represented by these ROCs in 2011-12 was nearly 30.7 TWh⁹.
- 2.7. ROCs issued during 2011-12 that were not presented for compliance remain on the Register. Such ROCs are known as 'banked' ROCs. As at 11 December 2012 they numbered just over 0.5 million. Suppliers have the option to present these banked ROCs for compliance with the 2012-13 obligation, beyond this they cannot be presented.¹⁰

Details of ROCs presented and buyout payments made by suppliers

- 2.8. Suppliers with 45 licences had a total of 76 obligations across the three Orders. These suppliers complied by presenting their total obligation in ROCs, making a full buy-out payment or by a combination of ROCs and buy-out payment. In summary:
 - 13 suppliers complied with the RO by presenting the full amount of ROCs
 - 19 suppliers presented the full amount of ROCs towards the ROS
 - two suppliers presented the full amount of ROCs towards the NIRO
 - 12 suppliers made full buy-out payments to comply with the RO
 - nine complied with the ROS by presenting a full buy-out payment
 - two made a full buy-out payment for the NIRO.

- 13 suppliers presented some ROCs and made a partial buy-out payment to comply with the RO
- three suppliers presented some ROCs and made a partial buy-out payment to comply with the ROS
- three suppliers presented some ROCs and made a partial buy-out payment to comply with the NIRO
- 2.9. Figures 1, 2 and 3 show the proportion of each obligation attributed to each supplier group¹¹. For the RO and ROS these proportions have remained fairly consistent with the obligation proportions from the previous year. For the smaller NIRO, the total share of ROCs presented by Airtricity Energy Supply Limited (20.5%) was markedly greater than for 2010-11 (14.1%).

⁸ See DECC's 'Calculating the Level of the Renewables Obligation' for 2011/12, published 1 October 2010. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/calculating-the-level-of-the-renewables-obligation

⁹ The exact figure was 30,676,435 MWh.

¹⁰ ROCs can only be carried forward for one obligation year. See Article 13 of the Orders. It is for this reason that in any period, the number of ROCs presented for compliance is unlikely to match the number issued. Hence the amount of renewable generation associated with presented ROCs (paragraph 2.6) differs from the amount of generation associated with ROCs issued (Chapter 3).

¹¹Some suppliers have more than one licence with an obligation under the RO so we 'group' together their licences under one name. For a list of supplier groups and their licences see Appendix 2.

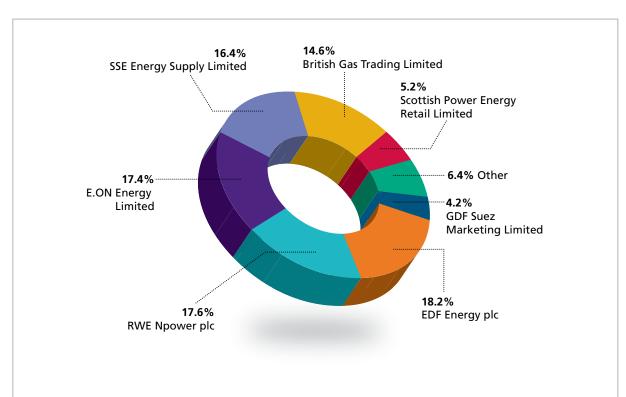
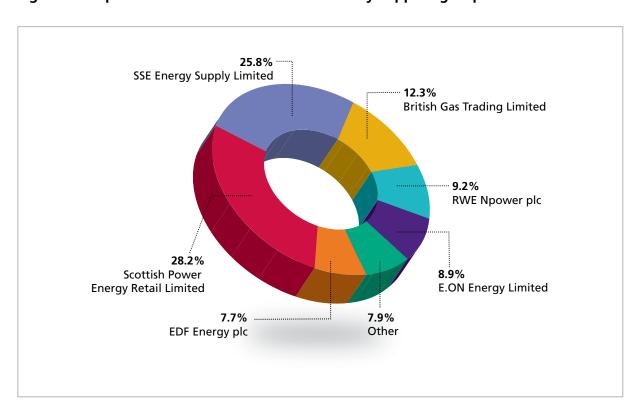


Figure 1: Proportion of the total size of the RO by supplier group





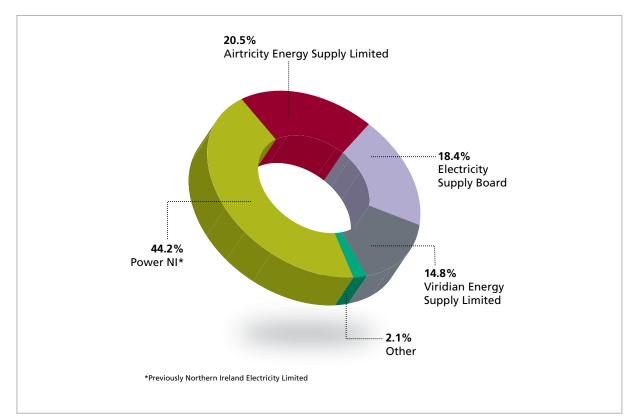


Figure 3: Proportion of the total size of the NIRO by supplier group

- 2.10. Those suppliers that did not present enough ROCs to comply with their obligations paid a total of £119.8 million into the buy-out fund by the statutory deadline date of 31 August 2012.
- 2.11. Six licensed suppliers did not meet the 31 August 2012 deadline for making buy-out payments. Instead they complied with their obligation by making late payments by the statutory deadline for late payments of 31 October 2012. These late payments totalled just under £6.8 million.
- 2.12. The buy-out price is set by Ofgem in advance of the obligation period and is increased annually in line with RPI¹². Accordingly in 2011-12 the price was set at £38.69 per ROC, an increase of 4.6% compared to 2010-11. This increased to £40.71 for the 2012-13 obligation period.
- **2.13.** Tables 1, 2 and 3 summarise supplier compliance under each Order over the last four obligation periods¹³.

¹² RPI from the Office of National Statistics (http://www.ons.gov.uk)

¹³ For previous obligation years please see the relevant Renewables Obligation Annual Reports on the Ofgem website.

Table 1: Supplier compliance with the RO (England and Wales)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Total obligation (ROCs)	25,944,763	26,971,916	31,164,954	33,760,023
Total ROCs presented	16,813,731	18,747,129	22,091,017	30,786,270
Of which GB ROCs	16,295,070	18,236,598	21,613,132	29,983,941
Of which NI ROCs	518,661	510,531	477,885	802,329
Percentage met by ROCs	65%	70%	71%	91%
Total buy-out paid	£320,568,079	£305,566,094	£335,012,068	£112,025,502
Total late payments paid	£260,027	£330,618	£638,258	£3,037,715
Shortfall in buy-out and late payment fund	£5,750,734	£0	£0	£0
Buy-out fund for redistribution	£320,673,766	£303,427,603	£331,800,438	£108,757,262
Late payments fund for redistribution	£260,162	£330,683	£638,470	£3,039,529

Table 2: Supplier compliance with the ROS (Scotland)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Total obligation (ROCs)	2,774,881	2,835,827	3,229,705	3,472,355
Total ROCs presented	2,094,125	2,406,063	2,611,143	3,271,635
Of which GB ROCs	2,045,785	2,336,392	2,539,242	3,251,828
Of which NI ROCs	48,340	69,671	71,901	19,807
Percentage met by ROCs	75%	85%	81%	94%
Total buy-out paid	£23,935,455	£15,952,316	£22,830,931	£7,615,817
Total late payments paid	£82,546	£30,875	£50,038	£151,207
Shortfall in buy-out and late payment fund	£329,021	£0	£0	£0
Buy-out fund for redistribution	£23,943,338	£15,841,285	£22,611,671	£7,392,914
Late payments fund for redistribution	£82,587	£30,883	£50,065	£151,442

Table 3: Supplier compliance with the NIRO (Northern Ireland)

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Total obligation (ROCs)	256,034	293,349	354,759	444,451
Total ROCs presented	41,022	184,013	267,204	346,828
Of which GB ROCs	0	0	0	0
Of which NI ROCs	41,022	184,013	267,204	346,828
Percentage met by ROCs	16%	63%	75%	78%
Total buy-out paid	£6,858,732	£4,067,656	£3,238,659	£204,399
Total late payments paid	£830,232	£0	£0	£3,574,250
Shortfall in buy-out and late payment fund	£0	£0	£0	£0
Buy-out fund for redistribution	£6,860,976	£4,037,864	£3,207,729	£198,566
Late payments fund for redistribution	£830,747	£0	£0	£3,577,059

Redistribution of the buy-out and late payment funds

- 2.14. The single recycling mechanism ensures the buy-out and late payment funds are redistributed to suppliers in proportion to the total number of ROCs that each has presented across the three obligations. For example, a supplier that presented ROCs representing 3% of the total number of ROCs across all three obligations would get back 3% of the total sum of the three buy-out and any late payment funds, irrespective of where these ROCs were redeemed.
- 2.15. Ofgem and NIAUR administration costs were deducted from the buy-out funds prior to redistribution; these totalled £3.5 million¹⁴ resulting in £116.3 million being recycled back to suppliers. Recycle payments were made on 28 September 2012, well in advance of the statutory deadline of 1 November 2012.

- 2.16. We redistributed the late payment funds together with accrued interest, totalling just under £6.8 million, on the same basis as the buy-out funds on 28 November 2012. This was well in advance of the legislative deadline of 1 January 2013.
- 2.17. Table 4 and Figure 4 show the proportion of the total ROCs that each supplier presented towards the obligations and hence the proportion of the buy-out and late payment funds they received. Full details of the ROCs presented and buy-out payments received from individual suppliers are shown in Appendix 2.

¹⁴ See: http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Pages/MoreInformation.aspx?docid=286&refer=Sustainability/Environment/RenewablObl

Table 4: Total ROCs presented by each licence

Licence	ROCs presented				
	RO	ROS	NIRO	Total	% of ROCs
SSE Energy Supply Limited	5,104,735	821,971	0	5,926,706	17.2%
EDF Energy Customers Plc	5,184,810	200,431	0	5,385,241	15.7%
British Gas Trading Limited	4,295,154	371,369	0	4,666,523	13.6%
Npower Limited	3,767,385	245,371	0	4,012,756	11.7%
E.On Energy Limited	3,237,579	164,327	0	3,401,906	9.9%
E.On Uk Plc	2,623,645	145,332	0	2,768,977	8.0%
Scottish Power Energy Retail Limited	1,748,620	977,577	0	2,726,197	7.9%
GDF Suez Marketing Limited	1,421,485	0	0	1,421,485	4.1%
Npower Northern Supply Limited	832,939	50,658	0	883,597	2.6%
Haven Power Limited	453,803	23,466	0	477,269	1.4%
Total Gas & Power Limited	441,049	33,419	0	474,468	1.4%
Smartest Energy Limited	374,243	1,107	0	375,350	1.1%
British Energy Direct Limited	215,138	66,201	0	281,339	0.8%
Npower Direct Limited	230,240	15,124	0	245,364	0.7%
Gazprom Marketing & Trading Limited	168,567	12,405	0	180,972	0.5%
Electricity Plus Supply Limited	156,798	9,293	0	166,091	0.5%
Opus Energy (Corporate) Limited	140086	15666	0	155,752	0.5%
Npower Yorkshire Supply Limited	151,039	34	0	151,073	0.4%
Opus Energy Limited	118,615	11,508	0	130,123	0.4%
Power NI Energy Limited	0	0	104062	104,062	0.3%
GDF Suez Marketing Limited	0	96858	0	96,858	0.3%
Airtricity Energy Supplies Limited	0	0	91036	91,036	0.3%
ESB Independent Energy Limited	0	0	81830	81,830	0.2%
IPM Energy Retail Limited	65,894	7,500	0	73,394	0.2%
Viridian Energy Supply Limited	0	0	65698	65,698	0.2%
Renewable Energy Company Limited	32937	1251	0	34,188	0.1%
Good Energy Limited	15,649	767	0	16,416	<0.1%
The Co-Operative Energy Limited	4,326	0	0	4,326	<0.1%
Quinn Energy Supply Limited	0	0	4,202	4,202	<0.1%
MA Energy Limited	1,488	0	0	1,488	<0.1%
Garsington Energy Limited	41	0	0	41	<0.1%
Statkraft Markets Gmbh	5	0	0	5	<0.1%
TOTAL	30,786,270	3,271,635	346,828	34,404,733	100.0%

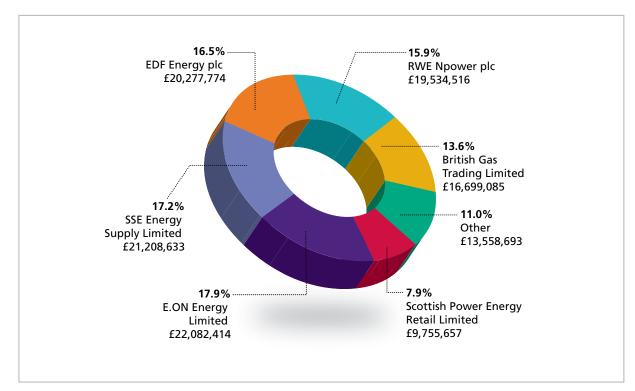


Figure 4: Redistribution of buy-out and late payment funds by supplier group

- 2.18. The combined sum redistributed to suppliers from the buy-out and late payment funds was approximately £123.1 million, a 66% decrease compared to the corresponding figure for 2010-11. Based on the total of 34.4 million ROCs presented, this means that the recycle value of a ROC for this obligation period was £3.58. When combined with the buy-out price of £38.69 the total value of a ROC for the 2011-12 obligation period was £42.27.
- 2.19. Both the recycle value and the total value of a ROC were thus considerably lower than in previous years (see Table 5). This can be attributed to the much lower sums available for redistribution from the buy-out and late payment funds, which resulted from the greater level of compliance through ROCs in this obligation period.

Table 5: Determination of the recycle value of ROCs

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Total of Buy-out and Late payments redistributed	£352,651,576	£323,668,318	£358,308,373	£123,116,772
Total ROCs presented	18,948,878	21,337,205	24,969,364	34,404,733
Redistribution per ROC presented	£18.61	£15.17	£14.35	£3.58
Value of a ROC to a supplier	£54.37	£52.36	£51.34	£42.27

- 2.20. Full details of the distribution of buyout and late payment funds, and of the residual balances of the RO bank accounts after all funds were redistributed, can be found in Appendix 2.
- 2.21. Based on the value of a ROC of £42.27, the total value of the ROCs presented for compliance in 2011-12 was £1.45 billion. Assuming a carbon dioxide (CO₂) saving of 0.49 tonnes per MWh of renewable generation, the figure of 30.7 TWh of renewable generation represented by the redeemed ROCs saved approximately 15.1 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions. ¹⁵ The cost of CO₂ saved under the scheme in 2011-12 can therefore be calculated as £96.61 per tonne.

Mutualisation

- 2.22. In the event of a supplier being unable to meet its obligation under the RO and/or ROS, for example if the supplier has gone into administration during the obligation period, there may be a shortfall in the buy-out fund. Where the shortfall qualifies as a 'relevant shortfall'¹⁶, a mutualisation process applies. The threshold for a relevant shortfall amount for the RO in 2011-12 was £11,400,000, and for the ROS it was £1,140,000.
- 2.23. If mutualisation is triggered by a relevant shortfall in the buy-out and/or late payment funds, all suppliers with an obligation under the RO and ROS are required to make additional payments to make up this shortfall. These payments are capped at the 'mutualisation ceiling', an amount published annually by Ofgem¹⁷.
- **2.24.** Mutualisation payments are redistributed to suppliers on the same basis as the buyout and late payment funds via the single

- recycling mechanism. Mutualisation does not apply in Northern Ireland. However, suppliers in Northern Ireland will receive a share of any mutualisation funds from the RO and ROS.
- 2.25. There was no shortfall in the buy-out or late payment funds in 2011-12 and mutualisation has not been triggered to date under any of the Orders.

Co-fired ROCs

- 2.26. Each supplier is permitted to meet up to 12.5% of its total obligation under the Orders by presenting ROCs that have been issued for co-firing of fossil fuels and biomass.
- 2.27. The number of suppliers presenting cofired ROCs towards their obligations in 2011-12 almost doubled to 21 from 11 in 2010-11. Thirteen suppliers presented co-fired ROCs for the England and Wales Obligation (compared to eight last year), eight suppliers did so for the Scotland Obligation (compared to three last year). No suppliers presented co-fired ROCs towards their Northern Ireland Obligation in this, or the previous obligation year.
- 2.28. There has been an 11% increase in the total number of co-fired ROCs presented for compliance by suppliers. For the 2011-12 obligation period a little over 1.4 million co-fired ROCs were presented for compliance, compared to less than 1.3 million the previous year.
- 2.29. One supplier, Haven Power Limited, presented the maximum amount of co-fired ROCs permissible, 12.5% of the total presented under both the RO and ROS. Further information on co-fired ROCs presented for compliance can be found in Appendix 2.

¹⁵ This calculation is based on a Grid Rolling Average conversion factor of 0.49072 kg CO2/kWh for 2010 (the latest value) taken from Table 3c, Annex 3 of '2012 Guidelines to Defra/DECC's GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting (2012)'; http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/2012/05/30/pb13773-2012-ghg-conversion/

¹⁶ See Schedule 3 of the RO and ROS Orders for the amount of relevant shortfall for other obligation periods.

 $^{^{17}\,}$ As with the buy-out price, this mutualisation ceiling is amended annually in line with RPI.

Provision of information under the Renewables Obligation

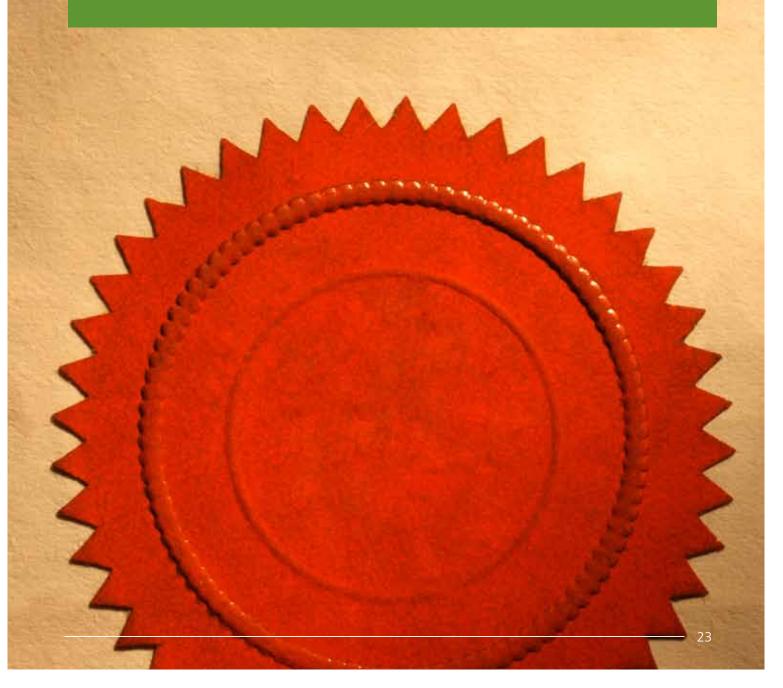
- **2.30.** The Orders place a number of obligations on all licensed suppliers including a requirement to:
 - provide an estimate of the amount of electricity that they have supplied during the obligation period to DECC by 1 June each year (and copy to Ofgem)
 - provide Ofgem with the actual amount of electricity that they have supplied during the obligation period by 1 July each year
 - make a buy-out payment on or before 31 August in each year in partial or total fulfilment of its obligation
 - present ROCs on or before 1 September each year in partial or total fulfilment of its obligation
 - make a late payment, where required, to meet any outstanding obligation by 31 October each year.
- 2.31. All suppliers with an obligation under the Orders in 2011-12 complied with their obligation. However, there were some instances where the legislative deadlines for provision of information were not met. A summary of those suppliers who did not meet the deadlines for submission of information is provided in Appendix 2. In this connection it should be noted that suppliers who make no supplies of electricity to customers within an obligation period are required to report this fact.
- 2.32. Data obtained from ELEXON¹⁸ confirmed that all of the non responding licensees made no supply to UK customers during the 2011-12 obligation period and therefore had no obligation under the Orders.

Supplier audit process

2.33. Each year a selection of suppliers are audited to determine the accuracy of the electricity supply figures submitted to us for compliance purposes. This selection includes one large supplier, a small supplier and a supplier that declared zero supply.

- We contracted the audit division of Deloitte to perform the audit in 2011-12.
- 2.34. As a result of the audit, some discrepancies in supplier procedures and supply figures were noted, most of these were minor and all were remedied within the scope of statutory deadlines for compliance with the Orders.
- 2.35. Two follow up visits were made to suppliers audited for compliance with the 2010-11 obligation. As a result, for a second year running, one supplier was found to have significantly over reported their electricity supply figures under the RO and ROS and was obliged to revise these to reconcile with ELEXON data. This was despite written confirmation from this supplier following the 2010-11 audit that they had implemented appropriate procedures to prevent such errors. We will follow up this matter rigorously with the supplier in question. The results of the follow up audit of the second supplier were satisfactory.
- 2.36. Following earlier supplier audits which found inconsistencies in the methods used by suppliers to calculate their total electricity supply figures, we consulted with suppliers in early 2011 outlining a recommended methodology to provide consistency when undertaking this process. Our recommended methodology for calculating electricity supply figures was published in May 2011. From 2011-12 we expected suppliers to use this approach, unless they can provide us with a comparable alternative delivering the same level of consistency.
- 2.37. The 2011-12 audit round identified two suppliers who were not using the recommended methodology. In one case Ofgem has received an adequate explanation for this, while in the other case we received assurances that the methodology will be used henceforth. For a third supplier, use of the recommended methodology could not be confirmed from evidence provided. However, this supplier has now transferred their supplies to another company.

Chapter 3Renewables Obligation Certificates



3. Renewables Obligation Certificates

Chapter Summary

This chapter, together with Appendix 3, provides information on the number of ROCs issued by Ofgem to generating stations for the 2011-12 obligation period, including:

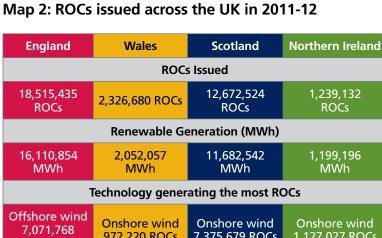
- the total number of ROCs issued
- the total ROCs broken down by generation technology.
- 3.1. The Authority is required to issue ROCs to operators of accredited generating stations that have generated electricity from eligible renewable sources. ROCs are electronic certificates that are issued directly into a generator's account on the Register. ROCs may only be issued where all necessary eligibility criteria have been met and are issued only on the renewable output of the accredited station in question.
- 3.2. We cannot issue ROCs before the end of the second month after the month of generation, for example ROCs for generation in January will not be issued before the end of March. This time-frame reflects the deadline for the provision of gross output and input electricity data required to be provided to us by accredited generating stations.
- 3.3. The introduction of banding in April 2009 resulted in different support levels for different renewable technologies. This means that one ROC no longer necessarily represents one MWh of renewable generation for stations accredited after 11 July 2006¹⁹.

- 3.4. Map 2 shows the total amount of ROCs issued in each country within the UK in 2011-12, the total renewable generation and the most prominent technology, in terms of ROCs issued, in each country. In total 34.8 million ROCs were issued in 2011-12, representing 31.0 TWh of renewable generation, an increase of 34% from 23.2 TWh in 2010-11.
- 3.5. This figure of 31.0 TWh is particularly significant as it means that for the first time renewable generation under the RO represented more than 10% of all electricity supplied in the UK (308 TWh see also Map 1)²⁰.
- 3.6. Figure 5 illustrates the total amount of ROCs issued, and the associated renewable generation, in each country for the past four obligation periods²¹. It demonstrates the increasing divergence that has occurred since the introduction of banding in the 2009-10 obligation period, between the total numbers of ROCs issued in the UK and the corresponding generation represented by those ROCs.

¹⁹ See Article 27 of the RO and ROS Orders and Article 25 of the NIRO.

A more precise figure is 10.07%. Note that 498,179 MWh were produced under the FIT scheme in 2011-12, this takes total renewable generation to 10.26% of UK supply (see http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Sustainability/Environment/fits/Documents1/FITs%20Annual%20 Report%202011-2012.pdf).

²¹ For total ROCs issued prior to 2008 please see relevant RO Annual Reports on the Ofgem website.

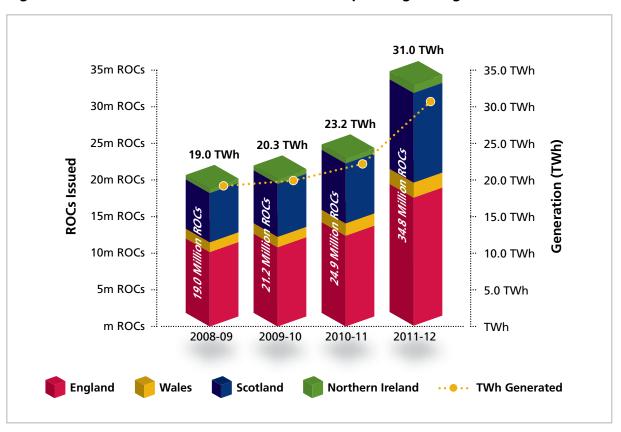




Onshore wind 7,375,679 ROCs 972,220 ROCs 1,127,027 ROCs ROCs Total **ROCs** issued Renewable Generation 31,044,648 MWh 34,753,771 ROCs



Figure 5: Total number of ROCs issued and corresponding TWh generation



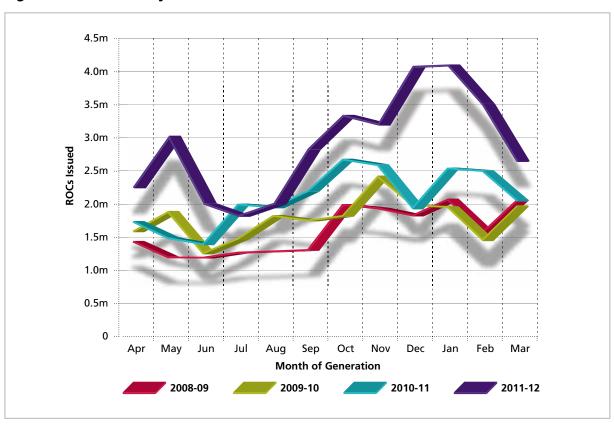
 $^{^{\}rm 16}\,\text{For total}$ ROCs issued prior to 2007 please see RO Annual Reports for those years.

- 3.7. The effect of banding means that, on average, more than one ROC was issued per MWh of renewable electricity produced. For the 2011-12 obligation period 1.12 ROCs were issued per MWh, compared to 1.07 ROCs/MWh in 2010-11 and 1.04 ROCs/MWh in 2009-10.
- 3.8. We anticipate that this divergence will be maintained or may grow over the next few years, particularly as more offshore wind generating stations come on stream. Stations using this technology which are accredited between 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2014 will receive two ROCs per MWh of renewable electricity generated
- 3.9. Of the ROCs issued in 2011-12, renewable generators in England received 53.3% of the total, Scotland 36.5%, Wales 6.7% and Northern Ireland 3.6%. There is no notable difference in the share of ROCs issued to each of the countries when compared with the previous obligation year.

Trends in ROCs issued

- 3.10. ROCs are issued to renewable generators on a monthly basis. Although the general trend is for more ROCs to be issued in respect of the winter months, there are occasions when this trend is reversed, for example when there is a low wind yield or rain fall in a particular winter month. Figure 6 demonstrates the trend in the total number of ROCs issued monthly over the last four obligation years.
- 3.11. Figure 7 breaks this down further to compare the total number of ROCs issued for each month by generation technology over the last four obligation years. From this it is clear that most seasonal variability in ROCs issued relates to onshore and offshore wind technologies. In contrast, the numbers of ROCs issued for landfill and sewage gas generation have remained very steady through time.





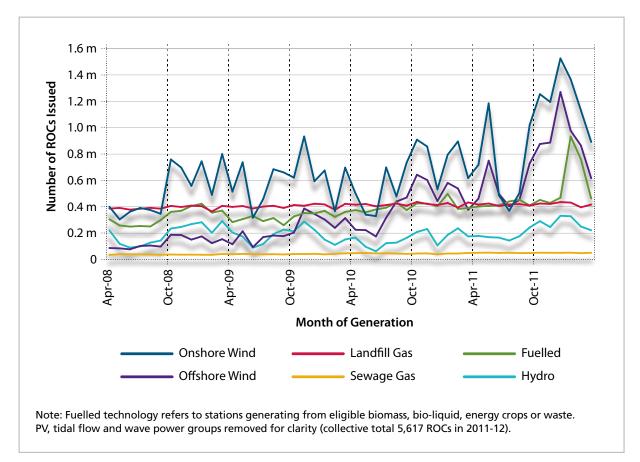


Figure 7: Total monthly issue of ROCs by generation technology

Total ROCs issued by generation technology

- 3.12. Figure 8 shows how the numbers of ROCs issued for each of the main generation technologies have varied over the last four obligation periods. It is clear that across the UK there have been substantial increases in the number of ROCs issued in respect of onshore and offshore wind, as well as fuelled generation. This was particularly evident between the 2010-11 and 2011-12 obligation periods. For onshore and offshore wind the increases were 53% and 75%, respectively, reflecting the additional generating capacity accredited for these technologies (see chapter 4 for accreditation information).
- 3.13. Figure 9 displays the number and percentage share of ROCs issued to each eligible renewable generation technology across the UK in relation to the 2011-12 obligation period. Figures 10 to 13 provide similar breakdowns by generation technology for each country during the same period.
- 3.14. In 2011-12 onshore and offshore wind together accounted for nearly 59% of all ROCs issued in the UK. As a result of this, the percentage share for all other technologies decreased; in the case of the fuelled generation this was true despite an increase in the number of ROCs issued.

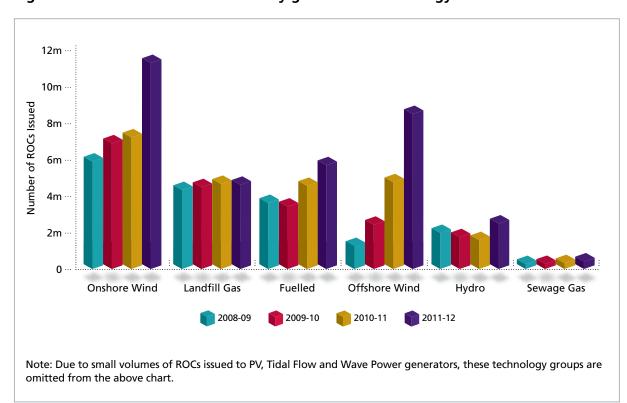


Figure 8: Total annual issue of ROCs by generation technology

- 3.15. Looking across the four countries of the UK, it can be seen that in 2011-12 the great majority of all ROCs issued for offshore wind were issued in England (7.1 million of a UK total of 8.8 million). However, there were significant increases in Scotland and Wales as well.
- 3.16. A similar finding applies to onshore wind in Scotland in 2011-12, where the greatest increase and the largest share of ROCs issued for this technology occurred (7.4 million of a UK total of 11.7 million). A total of 2.5 million ROCs were also issued for hydro generation in Scotland in 2011-12. This represents nearly the entire UK total of 2.7 million.
- 3.17. Among the total of 6.0 million ROCs issued to fuelled generators for generation in 2011-12, nearly 900,000 were issued in cases where the fuel used was a bioliquid. Over 99.5% of these ROCs have been supported by the submission of a bioliquid sustainability audit report from an independent auditor, verifying the sustainability information reported to Ofgem by the appropriate generator. Of those ROCs where an audit report has not been provided, Ofgem are required to postpone the issue of future ROCs to these generating stations up to the number issued within the 2011/12 period against bioliquid generation.

Figure 9: Total ROCs issued in the UK by generation technology in 2011-12

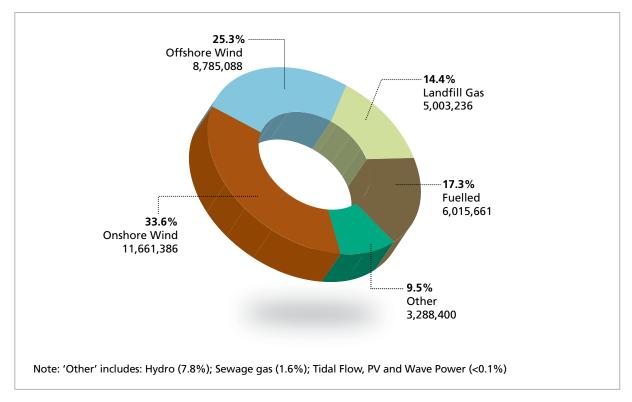
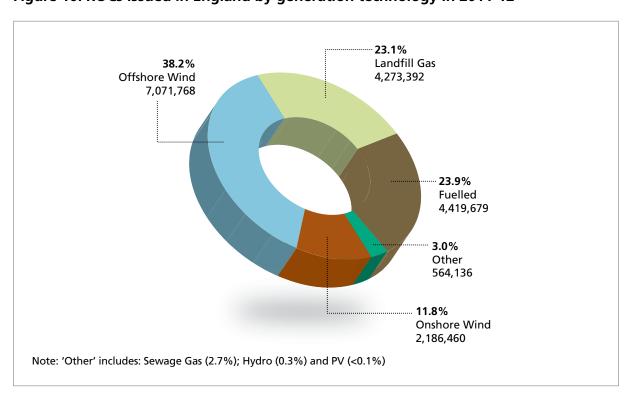


Figure 10: ROCs issued in England by generation technology in 2011-12





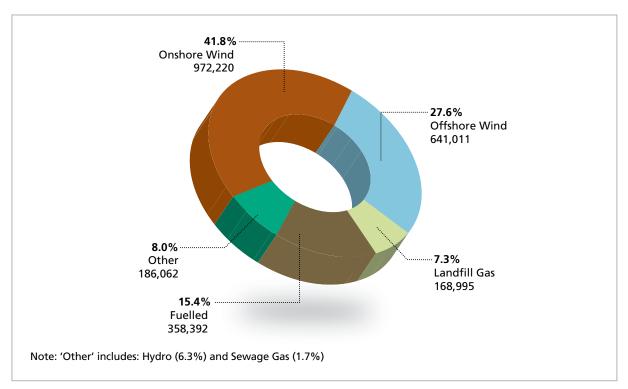
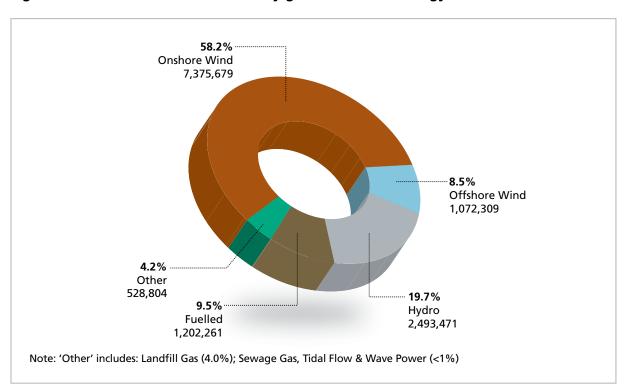


Figure 12: SROCs issued in Scotland by generation technology in 2011-12



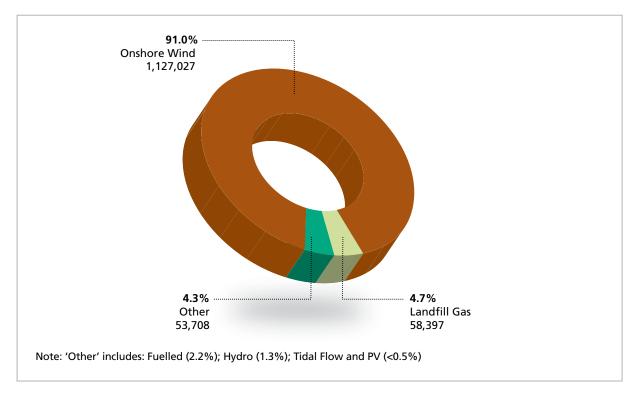


Figure 13: NIROCs issued in Northern Ireland by generation technology in 2011-12

ROC revocation

- 3.18. Where a ROC has yet to be presented for compliance purposes, the Orders provide for us to revoke that ROC under certain circumstances. These might include, for example, cases in which we have reasonable doubts as to the accuracy or reliability of the information on which the ROC issue was based. Such doubts might arise from, but are not limited to, the findings of formal audits of generators (see Chapter 5).
- 3.19. The number of ROCs revoked by us tends to be minimal in terms of the total volume of ROCs issued to renewable generators. Over 20,000 ROCs were revoked in relation to the 2011-12 obligation period, a decrease of around 14,000 ROCs compared to those revoked in the previous obligation year. Further detail on revoked ROCs can be found in Appendix 3.

Retired ROCs

- **3.20.** The owner of a ROC may at any time voluntarily retire this ROC on the Register. This will render it unable to be presented for compliance with the RO.
- 3.21. A total of 1,045 ROCs issued for the 2011-12 obligation period were retired. This is a substantial decrease from almost 90,000 ROCs retired in respect of the previous period. However, the figure for 2010-11 was itself unusual in that a large proportion of these ROCs were retired by one supplier after they were found to have misreported their electricity supply figures²².

Press release (July 2011) relating to this case and the penalty announced by Ofgem can be found on our website: http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Media/PressRel/Pages/ArchivedPressReleases.aspx

Chapter 4 Generators accredited under the Renewables Obligation



4. Generators accredited under the Renewables Obligation

Chapter Summary

This chapter, together with Appendix 4, provides information on the number and type of generating stations accredited²³ under the Orders, including:

- the number of generating stations whose accreditations commenced within the 2011-12 obligation period and the overall number with accreditations commencing up to 31 March 2012
- the total generating capacity and capacity of stations with different technologies whose accreditations commenced within the 2011-12 obligation period and the overall capacity with accreditations commencing up to 31 March 2012
- 4.1. The Orders require Ofgem to accredit eligible renewable generating stations where they satisfy the criteria for accreditation. This process is facilitated by the Renewables and CHP Register, where generators can make and submit accreditation applications to us for review.
- 4.2. On 11 December 2012 the total number of stations with accreditations under the RO commencing on or before 31 March 2012, was 2,249²⁴. This compares to a figure of 1,981 up to 31 March 2011²⁵, reported in the last annual report. Prior to that, the number of accredited stations was much larger but since 2010, with the introduction of the Feed In Tariff (FIT) scheme, wind, PV, hydro and AD microgeneration stations in GB (with a capacity of 50kW or less) have been transferred from the RO to the FIT scheme.
- 4.3. In this report we have adopted a new method of calculating the accredited capacities of fuelled stations. The change was made in order to produce a more representative estimate of the renewable generating capacity of this type of station. In particular it affects how the capacity of inactive generators using this technology was calculated. The effect has been to produce an overall increase in the accredited capacity of fuelled stations, and consequently the total for all stations, compared to that under the previous methodology.

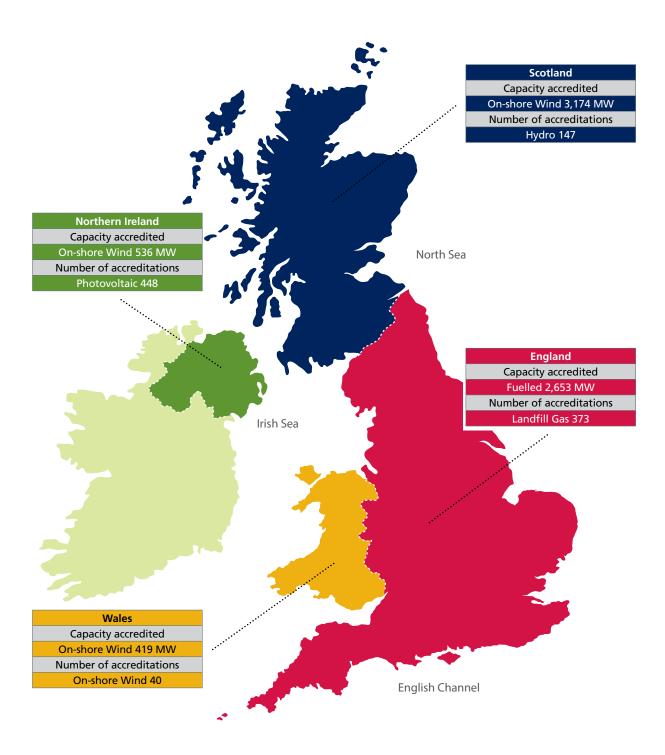
²³ Accredited generating stations only refer to 'full' and not 'preliminary' accreditations.

In general, generators are accredited under the RO from the latter of the date of their application or the date of commissioning of the generating station. However, a significant period may be required before an application for accreditation can be approved. Hence a proportion of generators whose accreditations commenced within a particular obligation period were actually approved in a subsequent period.

²⁵ This total and the previous one for 2012 include microgeneration stations with a capacity of 50kW or less that remain in the RO (predominantly located in Northern Ireland).

Map 3: Most prominent renewable generation technologies accredited in the UK by capacity and number of accreditations





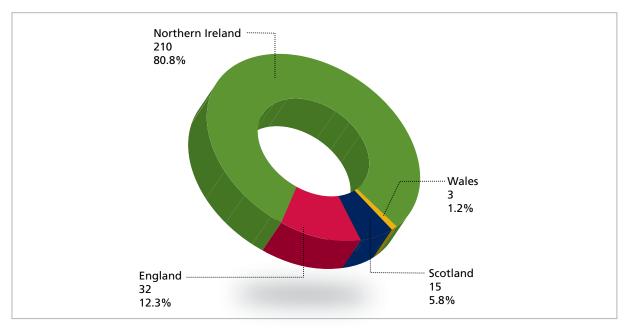
- 4.4. Under the new methodology, the total capacity of generating stations accredited under the RO, whose accreditations commenced up to 31 March 2012, was 12,471 MW. This compares to a total of 11,601 MW if it were calculated as in previous annual reports.²⁶
- 4.5. The most prominent generation technology accredited, either in terms of combined total capacity or total number of stations accredited, varies in each country of the UK. This can be seen in Map 3.

Generator accreditations during 2011-12

4.6. Ofgem has accredited 260 generating stations under the Orders whose accreditations commenced during the 2011-12 obligation period. This represents a 28% increase from the 203 stations reported for 2010-11 in the previous annual report, though it is

- much lower than for earlier years, prior to the introduction of the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) in April 2010.
- 4.7. Northern Ireland did not introduce a FIT scheme and therefore microgenerators (under 50 kW capacity) there are still accredited under the RO. This explains the relatively high number of stations accredited in Northern Ireland during 2011-12 compared to the rest of the UK, as shown in Figure 14.
- 4.8. Of the total of 260 accredited stations so far accredited for 2011-12, 192 had a capacity of 50 kW or less; 190 of these were in Northern Ireland and two in England (these two were biomass fuelled generating stations not eligible for the FIT scheme). Figure 14a shows the effect of excluding these microgenerarating stations from the respective totals of accredited stations within each country and demonstrates that the larger generators accredited were more evenly distributed throughout the UK.

Figure 14: Total number of generating stations with accreditation dates commencing during 2011-12 including stations with a capacity of 50kW or less



²⁶ For the new method of calculation, the Declared Net Capacity (DNC) of a fuelled station is multiplied by its average proportion of electricity derived from biomass in the relevant period i.e. the renewable fraction or 'qualifying percentage'. Where an accredited fuelled generator has not submitted any generating data during this period, the weighted (by DNC) average renewable fraction for all other, active, generators has been applied (9.4% in 2011-12). This was predominantly necessary in the cases of fuelled generators who were accredited several years ago, and are now dormant, although their accreditations remain valid. For the purposes of previous reports, such generators were treated as having zero capacity. This accounts for the increase in accredited capacity of fuelled stations by comparison with the previous method of calculation.

Figure 14a: Total number of generating stations accredited with accreditation dates commencing during 2011-12 <u>excluding</u> stations with a capacity of 50kW or less

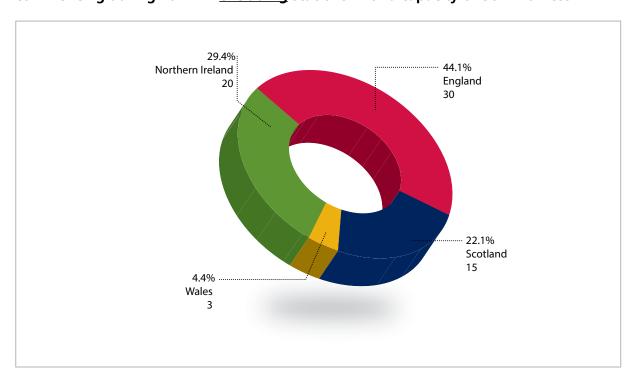
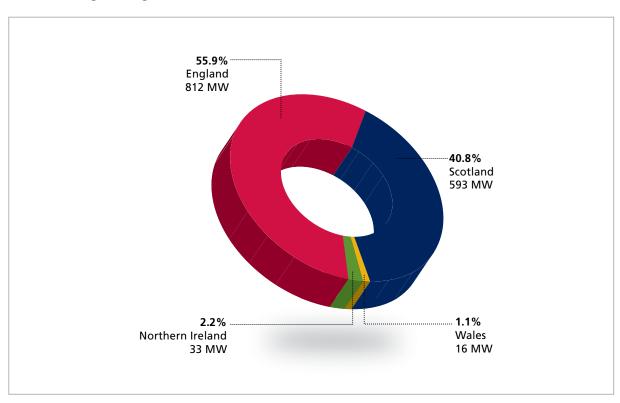
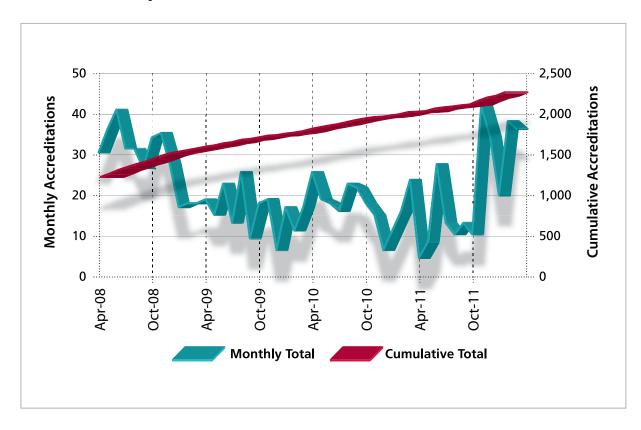


Figure 15: Total capacity (MW) of generators with accreditation dates commencing during 2011-12



- 4.9. The total capacity of stations in the UK with new accreditations commencing during 2011-12 was 1,454 MW. Figure 15 shows how this capacity is split across each country. As in 2010-11, the majority of new capacity was in England, as this was largely where newly accredited offshore wind sites were located. Scotland continues to see the highest volume of onshore wind accreditations.
- 4.10. Figure 16 shows the total number of stations whose accreditations have commenced over the last four years, by month of accreditation. It also displays the cumulative total of stations whose accreditations have commenced prior to the end of the 2011-12 obligation period. The cumulative total does not include any stations that have transferred to the FIT scheme; almost all stations that remain accredited under the RO and ROS have a declared net capacity (DNC) of over 50kW.
- 4.11. In addition to new accreditations, from time to time Ofgem approves amendments requested by generators to previously approved applications. Some of these involve changes to the capacity of the generating station in question.
- 4.12. There were a total of 98 approved amendments relating to generating capacity for 2011-12, with a net capacity increase of 93.5 MW; of these 67 involved an increase and 31 a decrease in capacity. The majority of these capacity amendments (61) were in respect of landfill gas generating stations, though the greatest change in terms of capacity occurred across eight fuelled stations (47.6 MW increase). Figure 17 summarises the approved changes to generating capacity which became effective during the 2011-12 obligation period. Further information on capacity accreditation amendments can be found in Appendix 4.

Figure 16: Number of generating stations whose RO accreditions commenced over the last four years



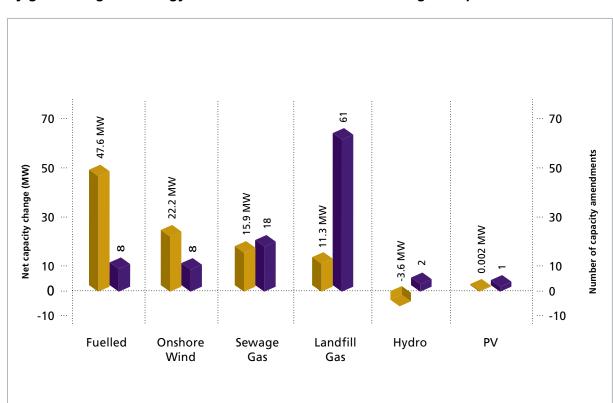


Figure 17: Number and net capacity change of approved amendments to accreditations, by generating technology, effective within the 2011-12 obligation period

Generation technologies accredited

- 4.13. The proportion of different generation technologies under the RO has changed considerably over the course of the RO schemes. When first introduced, landfill gas made up a large proportion of capacity accredited. In recent years both offshore and onshore wind technologies have seen the largest increases in accredited capacity. This can be seen in Figure 18.
- 4.14. In 2011-12, although the amount of new offshore wind capacity accredited fell, compared to the previous year, it remained high. The two largest stations whose accreditation commenced in 2011-12 were Sheringham Shoal (315 MW) and Walney Offshore Wind Phase II (182 MW). Of the 20 largest renewable generating stations whose accreditations commenced

- during 2011-12, 19 were either offshore or onshore wind generators. Together these two technologies accounted for 1,416 MW, of the UK total of 1,454 MW of accredited capacity for 2011-12.
- 4.15. Considering the total capacity of all stations whose accreditations commenced by 31 March 2012, onshore wind made up the largest share with 40% of the total of 12,471 MW (see Fig. 19). Offshore wind contributed a little more than 21% of the total.
- 4.16. Under the new methodology for calculation of fuelled stations' accredited capacities, this technology had 2,974 MW, or 24% of the total accredited capacity. By comparison, applying the previous methodology for determining fuelled stations capacities' produced a figure of 2,103 MW.

Figure 18: Total capacity (MW) of generation technologies by accreditation year over the past four years

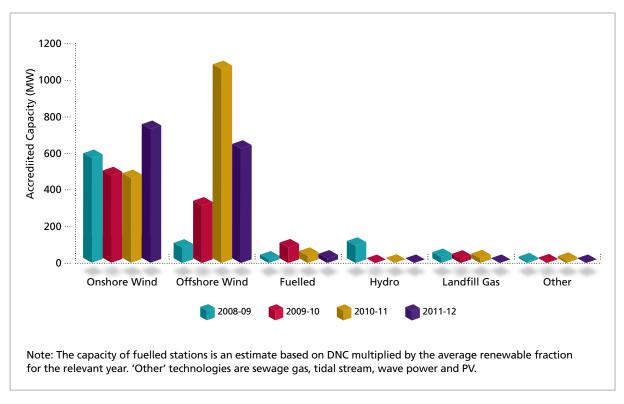
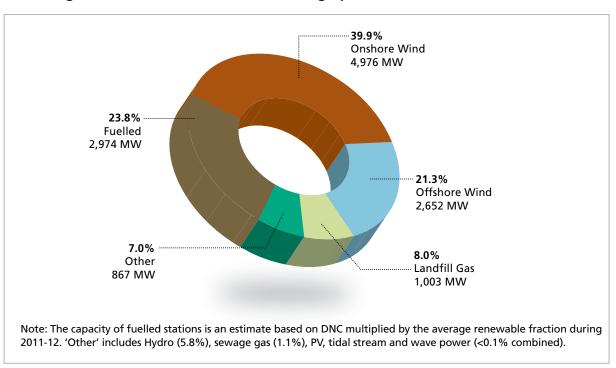


Figure 19: Total capacity (MW) and percentage share of different generation technologies with accreditations commencing up to 31 March 2012



4.17. On 1 April 2011 new provisions were introduced that enabled offshore wind farms to register the turbines comprising their station in up to five phases. The introduction of these provisions meant that the duration of support under the RO for each group of turbines runs from the date when each group was registered rather than the station's accreditation date. Up to 31 March 2012 three offshore generators have accredited turbines under these provisions.

NFFO generating stations

4.18. Prior to the RO, the Non-Fossil Fuel Orders required the Regional Electricity Companies to contract for certain amounts of electricity generating capacity from renewable sources. These Orders are known as the Non-Fossil Fuel Obligations (NFFO and Northern Ireland NFFO) and the Scottish Renewables Obligation (SRO)²⁷. Collectively known as the 'NFFO Orders' these set out specific eligibility requirements in respect of generating stations situated at locations where a NFFO contract exists²⁸.

- 4.19. No generating stations have been accredited which receive support under the NFFO Orders since the 2009-10 obligation period. This is attributed to the declining number of contracts that would be viable if commissioned under this scheme.
- 4.20. There is an annual reduction in the number of stations receiving support under the NFFO Orders, this is because the NFFO contracts have either come to an end or have been terminated on economic grounds.
- 4.21. As at 31 March 2012, 195 generating stations remained accredited under NFFO arrangements across the UK. NFFO generating stations in England and Wales represented 4.5% of the total accredited RO capacity within the UK. Similarly, SRO and NI NFFO generating stations represented 1.0% and 0.2%, respectively, of total UK accredited capacity. These figures reflect the revised methodology for determining fuelled station capacities, as noted in paragraph 4.4, above. Further information on NFFO stations accredited under the RO Orders can be found in Appendix 4.

²⁷ See the Electricity (Non-Fossil Fuel Sources) (England and Wales) Order 1994, the Electricity (Non-Fossil Fuel Sources) (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 and the Electricity (Non-Fossil Fuel Sources) (Scotland) Order 1994 and subsequent orders.

²⁸ See Articles 20 and 21 of the RO and ROS, Articles 19 and 20 of the NIRO for further details.

Chapter 5Generator audits

5. Generator audits

Chapter Summary

The Orders require that for Ofgem to issue ROCs on renewable generation we must be sure that the issue is based on accurate and reliable information provided by the generator. We also set certain conditions for accreditation under the RO that must be met. Our audit process for generating stations checks that generators are adhering to these conditions. This chapter summarises the results of the 2011-12 audit round, including the main findings and issues identified.

Audit process for generating stations

- 5.1. We expect operators of generating stations applying for accreditation to submit complete and accurate information. They are also required to inform us of any subsequent changes that might affect their accredited status. This helps us to ensure that accreditation remains valid and to make certain that we issue the correct number of ROCs. A programme of audits gives us assurance that accreditations are valid and output data submissions for ROC issue are correct and in compliance with the Orders.
- 5.2. During the 2011-12 obligation period we carried out technical audits of 30 accredited generating stations across England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland; similar issues were identified in all countries. Table 6 summarises the audit results. Most of the findings were satisfactory but some revealed irregularities that called into question:
 - the number of ROCs that the operator received
 - departures from agreed procedures for fuel measurement and sampling (FMS)
 - failures to report modifications at the generating station.

Table 6: Summary of technical audit results

Generating technology	Number of stations audited	Types of irregularity reported
Fuelled	11	 Inconsistencies in FMS practices to those agreed with Ofgem Gas oil engine and standby diesel generator not metered Meter not of an approved type Biogas methane probe faulty Lack of valid meter calibration certificates Fuel measurement equipment not calibrated Lack of robust meter reading protocols Inconsistencies in metered and FMS monthly data submissions Use of estimates not agreed with Ofgem Fuel used for 'permitted ancillary purposes' exceeding 10% not reported in monthly data submissions 'Input electricity' not fully reported in monthly data submissions Discrepancies with the total installed capacity and declared net capacity on accreditation application Grid Connection capacity restrictions not declared on accreditation application Meter details incorrect on accreditation application
Hydro	3	 Lack of meter calibration certificates 'Input electricity' not reported unless it exceeds 0.5% of gross in monthly data submissions Discrepancies with the total installed capacity and declared net capacity on accreditation application Description of generating station and single line diagram incorrect on accreditation application
Landfill gas	6	 Electrical connection between two separate accredited generating stations Use of estimates not agreed with Ofgem 'Input electricity' not fully reported in monthly data submissions 'Input electricity' not reported unless it exceeds 0.5% of gross in monthly data submissions Split between the 'original' and 'additional' capacity Output from standby diesel generator not reported as input electricity in monthly data submissions Discrepancies with the total installed capacity and declared net capacity on accreditation application Grid Connection capacity incorrect on accreditation application Meter details incorrect on accreditation application Lack of valid calibration certificates
Offshore wind	3	 Diesel generator connection point not metered or interlocked Inconsistencies in metered monthly data submissions Auxiliary supply link with another offshore generating station 'Input electricity' not fully reported in monthly data submissions Lack of valid calibration certificates Meter details incorrect on accreditation application Meter not of an approved type Commissioning date incorrect on accreditation application
Onshore wind	6	 Inconsistencies in metered monthly data submissions 'Input electricity' not fully reported in monthly data submissions Lack of valid calibration certificates Discrepancies with the total installed capacity and declared net capacity on accreditation application Meter details incorrect on accreditation application Diesel generator connection point not metered or interlocked
Sewage gas	1	 'Input electricity' not fully reported in monthly data submissions Standby diesel generator not declared on accreditation application. Meter not of an approved type

Main issues identified

- 5.3. The audits identified an issue that called into question the validity of accreditation, where two generating stations were electrically connected in such a manner that both could be considered one generating station. In this case, the operator rectified the situation by physically disconnecting this electrical connection between both generating stations.
- 5.4. The most common findings were in relation to the accuracy of the information submitted for ROC claims. Inaccuracies were in respect of metering and fuel measurement equipment, the failure to fully report 'input electricity' and the incorrect reporting of meter or FMS data. The errors found represented only a marginal difference to the ROCs issued, but where appropriate these were corrected either by revoking ROCs or by withholding issue of ROCs against future generation.
- 5.5. The audits also highlighted discrepancies with information provided on accreditation applications. Other issues relate to 'best practice' employed at the generating station, for example failure to notify and seek agreement with Ofgem on changes to FMS practices and procedures.
- 5.6. We notified each operator of the issues identified by the audit and requested that the operator provide assurances that the issues would be rectified. We also carry out a follow-up exercise to ensure that the issues have been addressed

Chapter 6 Changes in legislation

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6. Changes in legislation

Chapter Summary

There have been several RO Orders and amendments to these since the introduction of the RO in 2002. This chapter sets out the key changes introduced by the most recent amendments, in 2011, and what the main proposals are for the 2013 amendment order that is due to be enacted by Parliament.

RO amendment 2011

- 6.1. There have been several RO Orders and amendments to these since the introduction of the RO in 2002. Significant changes were made in the 2009 Orders when banding provisions were introduced and further changes were introduced by amendment orders in 2010. Further amendment orders for the RO, ROS and NIRO came into force on 1 April 2011. The major changes introduced by the 2011 Orders are highlighted below.
- 6.2. A definition of 'fossil derived bioliquid' was introduced to include bioliquids produced directly or indirectly from coal, lignite, natural gas, crude liquid petroleum or petroleum products. An example of a fossil derived bioliquid is biodiesel, of which a major component is usually fatty acid methyl ester. In this case although the fatty acid portion of the molecule is derived from biomass, the methyl ester portion is derived from fossil fuel. As a result of the introduction of the definition, generation using bioliquids produced directly or indirectly from these products can now be considered as eligible for ROCs. Clearly, ROCs cannot be issued in respect of the generation of electricity attributed to the fossil portion of the fuel.
- 6.3. The Orders were amended to align with the requirements of the European Renewable Energy Directive 2009 (RED). The amendments meant that electricity generated using bioliquids must meet certain sustainability criteria if ROCs are to be issued. In practice, this meant that generators must produce evidence of

- compliance with these requirements to Ofgem in the form of an independent audit report. In addition, where electricity is generated from solid or gaseous biomass, operators were obliged to report against the sustainability criteria.
- 6.4. Offshore installations are often deployed over long periods of time and hence the RO support that some turbines forming part of the station used to receive was shorter than for others. Additional provisions were therefore introduced for offshore wind generating stations which allow operators of stations accredited on or after 1 April 2011 to register turbines with Ofgem in phases. Operators are able to register up to five "phases" of turbines and all applications for registration of "phases" must be received within 5 years of the accreditation date. The 20-year RO support then runs from the date when each group of turbines was registered with Ofgem rather than the accreditation date.
- 6.5. Changes specific to the NIRO included increased levels of support for electricity generated from AD. Operators of onshore wind, hydro and PV generating stations (with capacity 50kW or less) accredited before 1 April 2010 receive higher ROC levels for any additional capacity added after this date, subject to the banding thresholds. In addition, in order to align with the FIT scheme, onshore wind and hydro microgenerators in NI were required to use equipment and installers certified under the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) or equivalent.

RO amendment 2013

- administrations consulted during 2011 and 2012 on the first major banding review since the mechanism was introduced in 2009. The aim of these was to ensure that the RO schemes continue to provide value for money without significantly affecting deployment. As a result of the reviews, multiple legislative amendments are expected be introduced to the three RO schemes from 1 April 2013.
- 6.7. For many technologies, the number of ROCs issued per MWh will be reduced at a rate that is not expected to significantly affect deployment. The support levels are due to decrease over time for new stations and additional capacity.

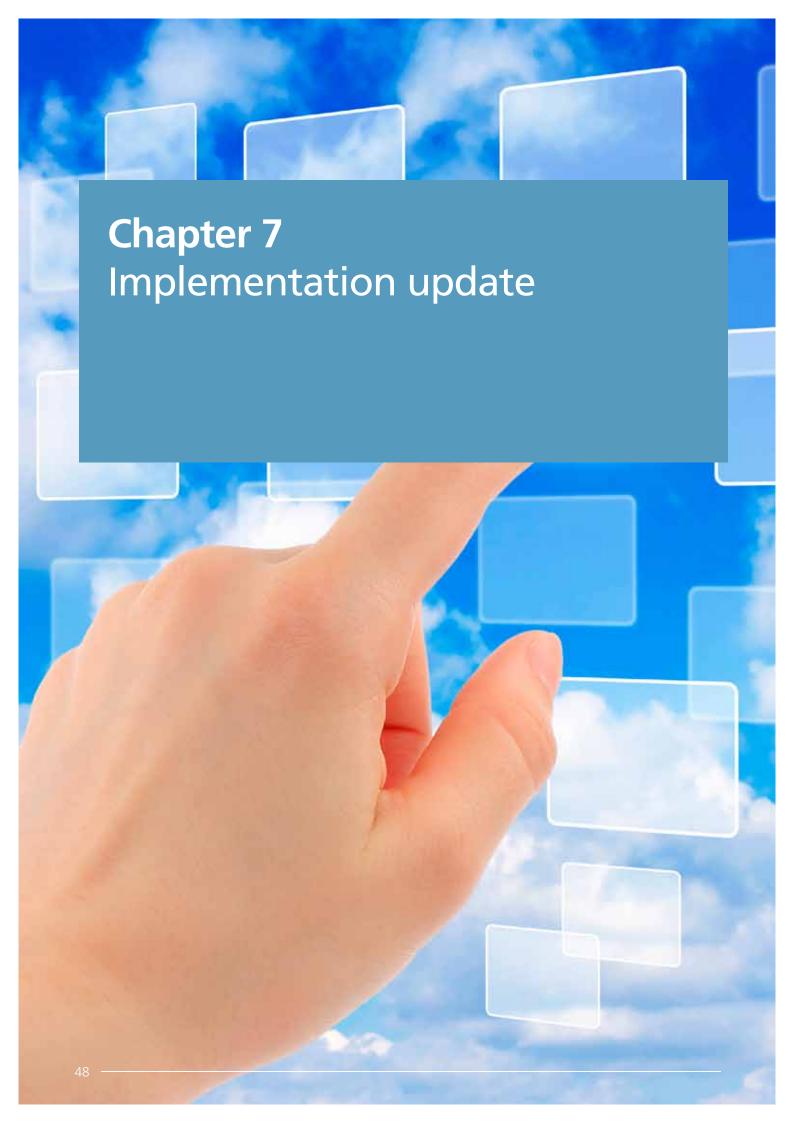
Proposals for the England and Wales RO

- Under the proposals for England and 6.8. Wales RO, the most significant change is the introduction of seven new conversion and tiered co-firing bands for supporting biomass and energy crops. This is to encourage increased biomass generation from existing co-fired or fossil fuel only generating stations. Alongside this a 'unit by unit' approach has been established to allow operators with multiple combustion units to receive different support levels based on the biomass energy content used within each unit. This aims to allow stations to convert fully to biomass over a period of time whilst still ensuring security of supply from this sector.
- 6.9. In addition, the current energy crop uplift available for low-range co-firing of energy crop fuels will be removed for contracts agreed after 6 September 2012. For generators with contracts agreed before this date the uplift will be grandfathered for a period of time.
- 6.10. In order to prevent the use of food crops in electricity generation, the definition of energy crops will be amended to limit the additional support for energy crops to 15 named species.
- 6.11. Due to the introduction of the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI), the CHP bands are due to close to new entrants on 31 March 2015. Any station wishing to claim the CHP uplift

- for new stations or additional capacity from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2015 will need to make a specific declaration to Ofgem should they wish to claim support for the heat fraction of their output in the form of a CHP uplift under the RO rather than support under the RHI.
- 6.12. For solar PV capacity accredited after 1 April 2013, the current single band will be separated into two, called 'building mounted solar PV' and 'ground mounted solar PV'. Wave and tidal generators up to 30MW will receive a new higher rate of 5 ROCs per MWh provided they become operational between 1 April 2012 and 1 April 2017.
- 6.13. In light of the decrease in support provided under certain bands, 'grace periods' are to be introduced so that generators can, in certain situations, realise pre-1 April 2013 ROC levels even if the stations are to be commissioned after this date.
- 6.14. A cap will be introduced to limit the number of bioliquid ROCs that a supplier can use to meet their obligation. This is proposed to be 4% of their total obligation. In addition, the existing supplier compliance cap on co-fired ROCs, of 12.5%, will be removed. Although these changes will apply to ROCs issued from April 2013, they will only begin to impact on suppliers' compliance processes in the 2013-14 compliance round, during the summer of 2014.

Proposals for the ROS and NIRO

6.15. Both the ROS and NIRO banding review decisions largely mirrored those for the RO. For the ROS, differences include the retention of support for hydro stations at 1 ROC, and the proposed introduction of a 10 MW capacity ceiling for new dedicated wood-fuelled biomass stations from 1 April 2013. For the NIRO, differences include retaining the current levels of support for AD, hydro, onshore wind and solar PV (below 250kW) until 2014/15; retention of 1 ROC per MWh for the landfill gas until 31 March 2015; retention of the CHP uplift until 30 September 2015; and extension of the NIRO closure date to 31 March 2037.



7. Implementation update

Chapter Summary

This chapter gives an update on the implementation work done by Ofgem during the 2011-12 obligation period and outlines work we have been undertaking in 2012-13.

2011-12 obligation period

Renewables and CHP register

7.1. The RO amendment orders enacted in April 2011 required further changes to the Register. These changes included a new function for reporting the sustainability criteria for bioliquids, which are linked to ROC issue, as well as for solid biomass and biogas which are not. Additionally, there were further changes to NIROC bands, and the capability to accommodate phased RO support for new offshore wind generation. In December 2011 work was completed on the initial phase functionality to facilitate the 20 years support provisions, introduced into the Orders in April 2010.

Guidance documents

- 7.2. From time to time Ofgem publishes new or revised guidance on aspects of the Renewables Obligation scheme. These can be found on our website.
- 7.3. We published a revised 'Fuel Measurement and Sampling (FMS) guidance' document in April 2011. A number of new FMS templates for fuelled stations, including gasification, pyrolysis, biomass declaration and AD feedstock have also been published. Also in April 2011 we published guidance relating to 'Renewables Obligation: Biodiesel and Fossil Derived Bioliquids'.

- 7.4. In May 2011 we published a response to our consultation on a recommended methodology for calculating total electricity supply figures for suppliers with an obligation under the RO. This was as a result of inconsistencies found during supplier audits of the 2009-10 obligation period. Suppliers were given the option to apply this methodology for 2010-11 reporting, however, we expected the new approach to be applied from 2011-12 onwards unless a comparable alternative can be provided that would deliver the same levels of consistency.
- 7.5. Updated guidance documents for electricity suppliers and renewable generators operating under the RO were published in May 2011. These documents reflected changes introduced by the 2011 amendment orders.

Customer satisfaction survey

7.6. In October 2011 we conducted a webbased survey of customer satisfaction in relation to our administration of the RO. This was followed up with a number of telephone interviews with a selection of respondents to discuss their views. The key findings from this exercise, along with actions we have taken to address the issues identified, were published on our website in April 2012.²⁹

²⁹ The survey findings were published here: http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/Pages/MoreInformation.aspx?docid=37&refer=Sustainability/ Environment/RCHPreg

2012-13 obligation period

Guidance documents

- 7.7. In May 2012 we published updated guidance for suppliers. This included the recommended methodology for calculating total electricity supply figures for suppliers with an obligation under the RO as an annex. This followed our earlier consultation on this topic.
- 7.8. In response to the Banding Review amendments, Ofgem published draft updated RO Generator guidance and Fuel Measurement and Sampling (FMS) guidance for comment in December 2012 which provides additional information for generators on new or amended procedures where relevant. The final versions of these guidance documents will be published for 1 April 2013.

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Appendix 1 - Renewables Obligation Legislation

England and Wales

The Renewables Obligation Order 2002 for England and Wales http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2002/914/contents/made

The Renewables Obligation Order 2009 for England and Wales http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2009/785/contents/made

The Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order 2010 for England and Wales http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2010/1107/contents/made

The Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order 2011 for England and Wales http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2011/9780111507353/pdfs/ukdsi_9780111507353_en.pdf

Scotland

The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Order 2002 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2002/163/contents/made

The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Order 2009 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/sdsi/2009/9780111003268/contents

The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2010 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/sdsi/2010/9780111007860/contents

The Renewables Obligation (Scotland) Amendment Order 2011 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/sdsi/2011/9780111012352/contents

Northern Ireland

The Renewables Obligation Order (Northern Ireland) 2005 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2005/38/contents/made

The Renewables Obligation Order (Northern Ireland) 2009 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2005/38/contents/made

The Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2010 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2010/134/contents/made

The Renewables Obligation (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2011 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/2011/169/contents/made

Appendix 2 - Compliance by licensed electricity suppliers

Table A1: Supplier groups and their licences

Supplier Group	Supply Licences						
	I Supply Electricity 2 Limited						
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Bglobal Plc	I Supply Electricity Limited						
	I Supply Energy Limited						
Details Con Tradition United	British Gas Trading Limited						
British Gas Trading Limited	Electricity Direct (UK) Limited						
	E.ON Energy Limited						
E.ON Energy Limited	Economy Power Limited						
	E.ON UK Plc						
	British Energy Direct Limited						
EDF Energy plc	EDF Energy Customers Plc						
	SEEBOARD Energy Limited						
Florenisite County Donard	Electricity Supply Board						
Electricity Supply Board	ESB Independent Energy NI Limited						
	Donnington Energy Limited						
	Evenlode Energy Limited						
Opus Energy Limited	Farmoor Energy Limited						
	Opus Energy (Corporate) Limited (previously Cherwell Energy Limited)						
	Opus Energy Limited						
	Electricity Plus Supply Limited						
	Npower Northern Limited						
	Npower Direct Limited						
RWE Npower Plc	Npower Yorkshire Limited						
NWE NPOWER FIC	Npower Limited						
	Npower Northern Supply Limited						
	Npower Yorkshire Supply Limited						
	Npower Limited						
	South Wales Electricity Limited						
SSE Energy Supply Limited	SSE Energy Supply Limited						
33L Energy Supply Limited	SSE Energy Supply Limited						
	SSE (Ireland) Limited						
Tradelink Solutions Limited	Tradelink Solutions Limited						
Hadelifik Solutions Limited	Tradelink Solutions Limited						

Table A2: Summary of supplier compliance 2011-12

Supplier Group	Total Obligation (ROCs)	Total ROCs presented	Total Payments	Total redistributed to suppliers	Percentage of Funds
Abacus Financial Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
AMRECS LLC	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Axis Telecom Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
BES Commercial Electricity Limited	10,897	0	£421,604.93	£0.00	0.00%
Better Business Energy Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Better Energy Supply Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Bglobal Plc	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Blizzard Utilities Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
BP Power Trading Limited	215	0	£8,318.35	£0.00	0.00%
Brilliant Energy Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Britsh Gas Trading Limited	5,359,449	4,666,523	£26,809,306.94	£16,699,085.00	13.56%
Business Energy Solutions Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Candela Energy Supply Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Circuit Energy Supply Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
ConocoPhillips (U.K.) Limited	46,342	0	£1,792,971.98	£0.00	0.00%
Coulomb Energy Supply Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Dual Energy Direct Limited	21,817	0	£844,481.31	£0.00	0.00%
E.ON Energy Limited	6,187,659	6,170,883	£649,063.44	£22,082,414.00	17.94%
Economy Energy Trading Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Ecotrade Solutions Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Ecotricity Group Limited	34,188	34,188	£0.00	£122,339.00	0.10%
EDF Energy plc	6,395,852	5,666,580	£28,215,533.68	£20,277,774.00	16.47%
Electricity Energy Limited (previously Utilita)	14,043	0	£548,317.78	£0.00	0.00%
Eneco energy Trade BV	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Energy 2 Sell Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Energy CO-OP Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Energy Data Company Limited	3,262	0	£126,206.78	£0.00	0.00%
First Utility Limited	45,260	0	£1,751,109.40	£0.00	0.00%
FIT Energy Supply Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Gazprom Marketing & Trading Retail Limited	180,972	180,972	£0.00	£647,603.00	0.53%
GDF Suez Marketing Limited	1,518,343	1,518,343	£0.00	£5,433,366.00	4.41%
Good Energy Limited	16,416	16,416	£0.00	£58,741.00	0.05%
Green Energy (UK) Limited	41	41	£0.00	£144.00	0.00%
Haven Power Limited	477,269	477,269	£0.00	£1,707,898.00	1.39%
Home Counties Energy Plc	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Hudson Energy Supply UK Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
International Power Plc	73,394	73,394	£0.00	£262,636.00	0.21%
Lourdes Associates Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Lumen Energy Supply Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
MA Energy Limited	6,150	1,488	£181,146.58	£5,321.00	0.00%
Magnetic Energy Supply Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Metonomi Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%

Table A2: Summary of supplier compliance 2011-12 continued

Supplier Group	Total Obligation (ROCs)	Total ROCs presented	Total Payments	Total redistributed to suppliers	Percentage of Funds
Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Open4Energy Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Opus Energy Limited	287,586	285,875	£66,198.59	£1,022,992.00	0.83%
OVO Electricity Limited	37,688	0	£1,458,808.24	£0.00	0.00%
Pan-Utility Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Power4All Limited	157,143	0	£6,079,862.67	£0.00	0.00%
R Electrics Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Reuben Power Supply Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Rocpower Fuel Ltd	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
RWE Npower Plc	6,245,667	5,458,881	£30,440,750.34	£19,534,516.00	15.87%
S. C. Isramart SRL	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Scottish Power Energy Retail Limited	2,726,197	2,726,197	£0.00	£9,755,657.00	7.92%
SembCorp Utilities (UK) Limited	33,225	0	£1,285,475.25	£0.00	0.00%
Smartest Energy	418,479	375,350	£1,668,661.01	£1,343,182.00	1.09%
Spark Energy Supply Limited	8,639	0	£337,315.20	£0.00	0.00%
SSE Energy Supply Limited	6,444,583	5,926,706	£20,036,661.13	£21,208,633.00	17.23%
Statkraft Markets GmbH	5	5	£0.00	£16.00	0.00%
Team Gas and Electricity Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	1,570	0	£60,743.30	£0.00	0.00%
Ther Co-operative Energy Limited	5,275	4,326	£36,716.81	£15,477.00	0.01%
Torse Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Total Gas & Power Limited	474,752	474,468	£10,987.96	£1,697,874.00	1.38%
Tradelink Solutions Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
UK Healthcare Corporation Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Universal Bioenergy Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Utility Partnership Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Uttily (UK) Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Winnington Networks Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Airtricity Energy Supply Limited	91,036	91,036	£0.00	£325,768.00	0.26%
Bord Gais Eireann	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Budget Energy Limited	1,153	0	£44,609.57	£0.00	0.00%
Electricity Supply Board	81,922	81,830	£3,561.63	£292,824.00	0.24%
Firmus Energy Supply Limited	4,030	0	£155,920.70	£0.00	0.00%
ONI Electricity Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Power & Gas Ventures Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Power NI Energy	196,310	104,062	£3,570,688.54	£372,381.00	0.30%
Premier Power Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Quinn Energy Supply Limited	4,302	4,202	£3,869.00	£15,034.00	0.01%
RWE Npower Plc	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Scottish Power Energy Retail Ltd	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
SSE Energy Supply Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Tradelink Solutions Limited	0	0	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
Viridian Energy Supply Limited	65,698	65,698	£0.00	£235,097.00	0.19%
Totals	37,676,829		£126,608,891.11		100.00%

Table A3: Supplier compliance with RO (England and Wales)

Licence	RO Obligation	Total ROCs presented	GB ROCs presented	NIROCs presented	Co-fired	Dual Co-fired	Banked (10-11)	Other	Co-fired	Banked (10-11)	Other	Buyout Payment Received	Late Buyout payment received
BES Commercial Electricity Limited	9,505	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£367,748.45	£0.00
BP Power Trading Limited	215	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£8,318.35	£0.00
British Energy Direct Limited	944,410	215,138	215,138	0	0	0	2,306	212,832	0.00%	0.24%	22.54%	£28,215,533.68	£0.00
British Gas Trading Limited	4,932,936	4,295,154	4,232,462	62,692	29	29	4,052	4,291,102	0.00%	0.08%	86.99%	£24,675,785.58	£0.00
Co-operative Energy Limited	5,132	4,326	4,326	0	0	0	0	4,326	0.00%	0.00%	84.29%	£31,184.14	£0.00
Dual Energy Direct Limited	20,198	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£0.00	£781,813.88
E.ON Energy Limited	3,254,355	3,237,579	3,140,675	96,904	300,628	0	25	2,936,926	9.24%	0.00%	90.25%	£649,063.44	£0.00
E.ON UK Plc	2,623,645	2,623,645	2,623,645	0	300,000	0	0	2,323,645	11.43%	0.00%	88.57%	£0.00	£0.00
EDF Energy Customers Plc	5,184,810	5,184,810	4,904,094	280,716	236,589	0	5,955	4,942,266	4.56%	0.11%	95.32%	£0.00	£0.00
Electricity Energy Limited (previously Utilita)	14,004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£0.00	£546,795.00
Electricity Plus Supply Limited	180,795	156,798	156,798	0	7,644	0	0	149,154	4.23%	0.00%	82.50%	£928,443.93	£0.00
Energy Data	3,262	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£126,206.78	£0.00
Company Limited First Utility Limited	42,881	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£1,659,065.89	£0.00
Garsington Energy													
Limited Gazprom Marketing	41	41	41	0	0	0	0	41	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
& Trading Retail Limited	168,567	168,567	168,567	0	0	0	13,226	155,341	0.00%	7.85%	92.15%	£0.00	£0.00
GDF Suez Marketing Limited	1,421,485	1,421,485	1,379,025	42,460	60,238	0	0	1,361,247	4.24%	0.00%	95.76%	£0.00	£0.00
Good Energy Limited	15,649	15,649	15,649	0	0	0	212	15,437	0.00%	1.35%	98.65%	£0.00	£0.00
Haven Power Limited	453,803	453,803	416,723	37,080	56,725	27,198	29,925	394,351	12.50%	6.59%	86.90%	£0.00	£0.00
Immingham CHP LLP	46,342	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£1,792,971.98	£0.00
IPM Energy Retail Limited	65,894	65,894	65,894	0	0	0	0	65,894	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
MA Energy Limited	5,937	1,488	860	628	0	0	3	1,485	0.00%	0.05%	25.01%	£172,131.81	£0.00
Npower Direct Limited	265,477	230,240	230,240	0	11,224	0	0	219,016	4.23%	0.00%	82.50%	£1,363,319.53	£0.00
Npower Limited	4,344,342	3,767,385	3,767,385	0	183,670	0	35,556	3,548,159	4.23%	0.82%	81.67%	£22,322,466.33	£0.00
Npower Northern Supply Limited	960,418	832,939	832,939	0	40,604	0	0	792,335	4.23%	0.00%	82.50%	£4,932,162.51	£0.00
Npower Yorkshire Supply Limited	174,155	151,039	151,039	0	7,363	0	0	143,676	4.23%	0.00%	82.50%	£894,358.04	£0.00
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	1,570	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£60,743.30	£0.00
Opus Energy (Corporate) Limited (previously Cherwell Energy Limited)	140,086	140,086	70,879	69,207	0	0	1	140,085	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
Opus Energy Limited	120,326	118,615	110,996	7,619	0	0	3,960	114,655	0.00%	3.29%	95.29%	£66,198.59	£0.00
OVO Electricity Limited	36,371	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£0.00	£1,407,830.48
Power4All Limited	137,492	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£5,319,565.48	£0.00
Renewable Energy Company Limited	32,937	32,937	32,937	0	0	0	11	32,926	0.00%	0.03%	99.97%	£0.00	£0.00
ScottishPower Energy Retail Limited	1,748,620	1,748,620	1,661,614	87,006	0	0	0	1,748,620	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
Smartest Energy Limited	374,243	374,243	371,738	2,505	0	0	26,835	347,408	0.00%	7.17%	92.83%	£0.00	£0.00
Spark Energy Supply Limited	7,716	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£0.00	£301,276.08
SSE Energy Supply Limited	5,547,841	5,104,735	5,002,432	102,303	107,142	0	7,011	4,990,582	1.93%	0.13%	89.96%	£17,143,771.14	£0.00
Statkraft Markets GmbH	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
Total Gas & Power Limited	441,333	441,049	427,840	13,209	50,744	0	16,027	374,278	11.50%	3.63%	84.81%	£10,987.96	£0.00
Wilton Energy Limited	33,225	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£1,285,475.25	£0.00
Totals		30,786,270	20,002,044	802,329	1,362,600	27,227	445.405	29,305,792	4.04%	0.43%	06.040/	£112,025,502.16	62 027 745 44

Table A4: Supplier compliance with the ROS (Scotland)

Licence	ROS Obligation	Total ROCs presented	GB ROCs presented	NIROCs presented	Co-fired	Banked (10-11)	Dual co-fired/ Banked	Other	Co-fired	Banked (10-11)	Other	Buyout Payment received	Late Buyout Payment received)
BES Commercial Electricity Limited	1,392	0	0	0	0	0	ROCs 0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£53,856.48	£0.00
British Energy Direct Limited	66,201	66,201	66,201	0	0	0	0	66,201	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
British Gas Trading Limited	426,513	371,369	371,369	0	0	2,332	0	369,037	0.00%	0.55%	99.37%	£2,133,521.36	£0.00
Co-operative Energy Limited	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£5,532.67	£0.00
Dual Energy Direct Limited	1,619	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£0.00	£62,667.43
E.ON Energy Limited	164,327	164,327	164,327	0	0	0	0	164,327	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
E.ON UK Plc	145,332	145,332	145,332	0	0	0	0	145,332	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
EDF Energy Customers Plc	200,431	200,431	200,431	0	0	0	0	200,431	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
Electricity Energy Limited (previously Utilita)	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£0.00	£1,522.78
Electricity Plus Supply Limited	9,293	9,293	9,293	0	453	0	0	8,840	4.87%	0.00%	95.13%	£0.00	£0.00
First Utility Limited	2,379	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£92,043.51	£0.00
Gazprom Marketing & Trading Retail Limited	12,405	12,405	12,405	0	0	0	0	12,405	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
GDF Suez Marketing Limited	96,858	96,858	96,839	19	0	12,610	0	84,248	0.00%	13.02%	86.98%	£0.00	£0.00
Good Energy Limited	767	767	767	0	0	0	0	767	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
Haven Power Limited	23,466	23,466	23,466	0	2,933	0	0	20,533	12.50%	0.00%	87.50%	£0.00	£0.00
Immingham CHP LLP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£0.00	£0.00
IPM Energy Retail Limited	7,500	7,500	7,500	0	0	0	0	7,500	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
MA Energy Limited	213	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£9,014.77	£0.00
Npower Direct Limited	15,124	15,124	15,124	0	737	0	0	14,387	4.87%	0.00%	95.13%	£0.00	£0.00
Npower Limited	245,371	245,371	245,371	0	11,961	0	0	233,410	4.87%	0.00%	95.13%	£0.00	£0.00
Npower Northern Supply Limited	50,658	50,658	50,658	0	2,469	0	0	48,189	4.87%	0.00%	95.13%	£0.00	£0.00
Npower Yorkshire Supply Limited	34	34	34	0	2	0	0	32	5.88%	0.00%	94.12%	£0.00	£0.00
Opus Energy (Corporate) Limited (previously Cherwell Energy Limited)	15,666	15,666	15,666	0	0	0	0	15,666	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
Opus Energy Limited	11,508	11,508	10,608	900	0	0	0	11,508	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
OVO Electricity Limited	1,317	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£0.00	£50,977.76
Power4All Limited	19,651	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£760,297.19	£0.00
Renewable Energy Company Limited	1,251	1,251	1,251	0	0	0	0	1,251	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£0.00	£0.00
ScottishPower Energy Retail Limited	977,577	977,577	977,577	0	26,696	2,179	0	948,702	2.73%	0.22%	97.05%	£0.00	£0.00
Smartest Energy Limited	44,236	1,107	1,107	0	0	0	0	1,107	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	£1,668,661.01	£0.00
Spark Energy Supply Limited	923	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£0.00	£36,039.12
SSE Energy Supply Limited	896,742	821,971	807,049	14,922	0	138	0	821,833	0.00%	0.02%	99.98%	£2,892,889.99	£0.00
Total Gas & Power Limited	33,419	33,419	30,281	3,138	1,631	123	0	31,665	4.88%	0.37%	94.75%	£0.00	£0.00
Totals	3,472,355	3,271,635	3,252,656	18,979	46,882	17,382	0	3,207,371	1.35%	0.50%	98.04%	£7,615,816.98	£151,207.09



Table A5: Supplier compliance with the NIRO (Northern Ireland)

Licence	NIRO Obligation	Total ROCs presented	GB ROCs presented	NIROCs presented	Co-fired	Sum of Dual co-fired/ banked ROCs	Banked (2010- 11) ROCs	Other	Co-fired	Banked (2010-11) ROCs	Other	Buyout Payment made by Licencee	Late Payment made by Licencee
Airtricity Energy Supply Limited	91,036	91,036	0	91,036	0	0	0	91036	0.00%	0.00%		£0.00	£0.00
Budget Energy Limited	1,153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£44,609.57	£0.00
Electricity Supply Board	81,922	81,830	0	81,830	0	0	616	81214	0.00%	0.75%	99.14%	£0.00	£3,561.63
Firmus Energy Supply Limited	4,030	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	£155,920.70	£0.00
Power NI (previously Northern Ireland Electricity plc)	196,310	104,062	0	104,062	0	0	606	103456	0.00%	0.31%	52.70%	£0.00	£3,570,688.54
Quinn Energy Supply Limited	4,302	4,202	0	4,202	0	0	0	4202	0.00%	0.00%	97.68%	£3,869.00	£0.00
Viridian Energy Supply Limited	65,698	65,698	0	65,698	0	0	8850	56848	0.00%	13.47%	86.53%	£0.00	£0.00
Total	444,451	346,828	0	346,828	0	0	10072	434379	0.00%	2.27%	97.73%	£204,399.27	£3,574,250.17

Table A6: Late payments and interest

Licence	Obligation	Outstanding Buy-out	Days late	Interest due	Late Payment due	Late Payment made
Dual Energy Direct Limited	RO	£781,460.62	3	£353.26	£781,813.88	£781,813.88
OVO Energy Limited (First tranche)	RO	£1,407,193.99	3	£807.88	£1,407,022.24	£1,407,022.24
OVO Energy Limited (Second tranche)	RO	£807.88	3	£0.37	£808.24	£808.24
Utilita Energy Limited	RO	£541,814.76	61	£4,980.24	£546,795.00	£546,795.00
Spark Energy Supply Limited	RO	£298,532.04	61	£2,744.04	£301,276.08	£301,276.08
Dual Energy Direct Limited	ROS	£62,639.11	3	£28.32	£62,667.43	£62,667.43
OVO Energy Limited	ROS	£50,954.73	3	£23.03	£50,977.76	£50,977.76
Utilita Energy Limited	ROS	£1,508.91	61	£13.87	£1,522.78	£1,522.78
Spark Energy Supply Limited	ROS	£35,710.87	61	£328.25	£36,039.12	£36,039.12
ESB Independent Energy NI Limited	NIRO	£3,559.48	4	£2.15	£3,561.63	£3,561.63
Power NI	NIRO	£3,569,075.12	3	£1,613.42	£3,570,688.54	£3,570,688.54
Totals		£6,753,257.51		£10,894.82	£6,763,172.70	£6,763,172.70

Table A7: Residual balances of RO buy-out and late-payment accounts³⁰

RO Buy-out (as at: 28.09.12)	£18.34
ROS Buyout (as at: 28.09.12)	£790.05
NIRO Buyout (as at: 28.09.12)	£16.29
RO Late Buy-out (as at: 28.11.12)	£15.12
ROS Late Buy-out (as at: 28.11.12)	£12.90
NIRO Late Buy-out (as at: 28.11.12)	£18.23

Following the redistribution of the Buy-out payments to suppliers, the residual balance for the ROS buy-out Account is higher than that for the corresponding RO and NIRO Accounts as at 28 September 2012. This is because a significant portion (£773.80) of it relates to a refund for MA Energy.

Table A8: Distribution of the buy-out and late payment funds to suppliers

LICENCE	England a	and Wales	Sco	tland	Northe	rn Ireland	Takal
	Buy-out	Late payment	Buy-out	Late payment	Buy-out	Late payment	Total
SSE Energy Supply Limited	£18,734,992	£523,604	£1,273,537	£26,090	£34,208	£616,202	£21,208,633
EDF Energy Customers Plc	£17,023,360	£475,768	£1,157,187	£23,706	£31,083	£559,906	£19,271,010
British Gas Trading Limited	£14,751,410	£412,271	£1,002,748	£20,542	£26,934	£485,180	£16,699,085
Npower Limited	£12,684,778	£354,513	£862,265	£17,664	£23,161	£417,208	£14,359,589
E.ON Energy Limited	£10,753,812	£300,547	£731,005	£14,975	£19,635	£353,697	£12,173,671
E.ON UK Plc	£8,753,051	£244,629	£595,001	£12,189	£15,982	£287,891	£9,908,743
ScottishPower Energy Retail Limited	£8,617,819	£240,850	£585,808	£12,001	£15,735	£283,444	£9,755,657
GDF Suez Marketing Limited	£4,799,655	£134,140	£326,263	£6,683	£8,763	£157,862	£5,433,366
Npower Northern Supply Limited	£2,793,150	£78,062	£189,868	£3,889	£5,100	£91,868	£3,161,937
Haven Power Limited	£1,508,701	£42,165	£102,556	£2,101	£2,754	£49,621	£1,707,898
Total Gas & Power Limited	£1,499,847	£41,917	£101,954	£2,088	£2,738	£49,330	£1,697,874
Smartest Energy Limited	£1,186,524	£33,160	£80,655	£1,652	£2,166	£39,025	£1,343,182
British Energy Direct Limited	£889,344	£24,855	£60,454	£1,238	£1,623	£29,250	£1,006,764
Npower Direct Limited	£775,623	£21,677	£52,724	£1,080	£1,416	£25,510	£878,030
Gazprom Marketing & Trading Retail Limited	£572,073	£15,988	£38,887	£796	£1,044	£18,815	£647,603
Electricity Plus Supply Limited	£525,032	£14,673	£35,689	£731	£958	£17,268	£594,351
Opus Energy (Corporate) Limited	£492,349	£13,760	£33,468	£685	£898	£16,193	£557,353
Npower Yorkshire Supply Limited	£477,558	£13,346	£32,462	£665	£871	£15,707	£540,609
Opus Energy Limited	£411,333	£11,495	£27,960	£572	£751	£13,528	£465,639
Power NI Energy	£328,951	£9,193	£22,360	£458	£600	£10,819	£372,381
Airtricity Energy Supply Limited	£287,775	£8,042	£19,561	£400	£525	£9,465	£325,768
ESB Independent Energy NI Limited	£258,673	£7,229	£17,583	£360	£472	£8,507	£292,824
IPM Energy Retail Limited	£232,006	£6,484	£15,770	£323	£423	£7,630	£262,636
Viridian Energy Supply Limited	£207,678	£5,804	£14,117	£289	£379	£6,830	£235,097
Renewable Energy Company Limited	£108,072	£3,020	£7,346	£150	£197	£3,554	£122,339
Good Energy Limited	£51,892	£1,450	£3,527	£72	£94	£1,706	£58,741
Co-operative Energy Limited	£13,674	£382	£929	£19	£24	£449	£15,477
Quinn Energy Supply Limited	£13,283	£371	£902	£18	£24	£436	£15,034
MA Energy Limited	£4,703	£131	£319	£6	£8	£154	£5,321
Garsington Energy Limited	£129	£3	£8	£0	£0	£4	£144
Statkraft Markets GmbH	£15	£0	£1	£0	£0	£0	£16
Total	£108,757,262	£3,039,529	£7,392,914	£151,442	£198,566	£3,577,059	£123,116,772

Table A9: Licences with zero supply under the Orders

Licence	Zero supply under the RO (England and Wales)	Zero supply under the ROS (Scotland)	Zero supply under the NIRO (Northern Ireland)
Abacus Financial Limited	\checkmark	✓	×
AMRECS LLC	\checkmark	✓	×
Axis Telecom Limited	✓	✓	×
Better Business Energy Limited	\checkmark	✓	×
Better Energy Supply Limited	\checkmark	✓	×
Blizzard Utilities Limited	\checkmark	✓	×
Brilliant Energy Limited	✓	✓	×
Business Energy Solutions Limited	✓	✓	×
Candela Energy Supply Limited	✓	✓	×
Circuit Energy Supply Limited	✓	✓	×
Coulomb Energy Supply Limited	✓	✓	×
Donnington Energy Limited	✓	✓	×
Economy Energy Trading Limited	✓	✓	×
Economy Power Limited	✓	✓	×
Ecotrade Solutions Limited	✓	✓	×
Electricity Direct (UK) Limited	✓	✓	×
Eneco energy Trade BV	✓	✓	×
Energy 2 Sell Limited	✓	✓	×
Energy CO-OP Limited	\checkmark	✓	×
Evenlode Energy Limited	✓	✓	×
Farmoor Energy Limited	\checkmark	✓	×
FIT Energy Supply Limited	\checkmark	✓	×
Home Counties Energy Plc	✓	✓	×
Hudson Energy Supply UK Limited	✓	✓	×
I Supply Electricity 2 Limited	\checkmark	✓	×
I Supply Electricity 3 Limited	\checkmark	✓	×
I Supply Electricity Limited	✓	✓	×
Lourdes Associates Limited	✓	✓	×
Lumen Energy Supply Limited	✓	✓	×
Magnetic Energy Supply Limited	✓	✓	×
Metonomi Limited	✓	✓	×
Morgan Stanley Capital Group Inc	✓	✓	×
Npower Northern Limited	✓	✓	×
Npower Yorkshire Limited	✓	✓	×
Open4Energy Limited	✓	✓	×

Table A9: Licences with zero supply under the Orders continued

Licence	Zero supply under the RO (England and Wales)	Zero supply under the ROS (Scotland)	Zero supply under the NIRO (Northern Ireland)
Pan-Utility Limited	✓	✓	×
R Electrics Limited	✓	✓	×
Reuben Power Supply Limited	✓	✓	×
Rocpower Limited	✓	✓	×
S. C. Isramart SRL	✓	✓	×
SEEBOARD Energy Limited	✓	✓	×
South Wales Electricity Limited	✓	✓	×
Supply Energy Limited	✓	✓	×
Team Gas and Electricity Limited	✓	✓	×
Torse Limited	✓	✓	×
Tradelink Solutions Limited	✓	✓	×
UK Healthcare Corporation Limited	✓	✓	×
Universal Bioenergy Limited	✓	✓	×
Utility Partnership Limited	✓	✓	×
Uttily (UK) Limited	✓	✓	×
Winnington Networks Limited	✓	✓	×
Airtricity Energy Supply Limited	×	×	✓
Bord Gais Eireann	×	×	✓
Budget Energy Limited	×	×	✓
Electricity Supply Board	×	×	✓
ESB Independent Energy NI Limited	×	×	✓
Firmus Energy Supply Limited	×	×	✓
Power NI	×	×	✓
ONI Electricity Limited	×	×	✓
Power & Gas Ventures Limited	×	×	✓
Premier Power Limited	×	×	✓
Quinn Energy Supply Limited	×	×	✓
Npower Limited	×	×	✓
SSE Energy Supply Limited	×	×	✓
SSE (Ireland) Limited	×	×	✓
Tradelink Solutions Limited	×	×	✓
Viridian Energy Supply Limited	×	×	✓
Scottish Power Energy Retail Ltd	×	×	✓

Key:	
Zero supply	✓
No obligation under the Order	×

Table A10: Licensees not meeting statutory deadlines for providing supply information

Supply estimat	e not received by 1 June 2012*
Abacus Financial Limited	I Supply Electricity Limited
AMRECS LLC	Lourdes Associates Limited
Better Business Energy Limited	Metonomi Limited
Blizzard Utilities Limited	Open4Energy Limited
Brilliant Energy Limited	R Electrics Limited
Coulomb Energy Supply Limited	S. C. Isramart SRL
Economy Energy Trading Limited	Supply Energy Limited
Ecotrade Solutions Limited	Team Gas and Electricity Limited
Energy 2 Sell Limited	Torse Limited
Energy CO-OP Limited	Universal Bioenergy Limited
Utilita Electricity Limited	Uttily (UK) Limited
FIT Energy Supply Limited	Budget Energy Limited
Hudson Energy Supply UK Limited	ONI Electricity Limited
I Supply Electricity 2 Limited	Tradelink Solutions Limited
I Supply Electricity 3 Limited	

Total supply information not received by 1 July 2012**	No response to request for supply information
Abacus Financial Limited	Abacus Financial Limited
AMRECS LLC	AMRECS LLC
Better Business Energy Limited	Better Business Energy Limited
Brilliant Energy Limited	Brilliant Energy Limited
Economy Energy Trading Limited	Economy Energy Trading Limited
Ecotrade Solutions Limited	Ecotrade Solutions Limited
FIT Energy Supply Limited	FIT Energy Supply Limited
FIT Energy Supply Limited	(in the process of being revoked)
R Electrics Limited	R Electrics Limited
S. C. Isramart SRL	S. C. Isramart SRL
Team Gas and Electricity Limited	Team Gas and Electricity Limited
Torse Limited	Universal Bioenergy Limited
Universal Bioenergy Limited	
Winnington Networks Limited	
ONI Electricity Limited	

Appendix 3 - Renewables Obligation Certificates

Table B1: Total ROCs issued during 2011-12 by country and generation technology³¹

Concretion Technology		ROCs/SR	ROCs/NIROCs	issued	
Generation Technology	England	Wales	Scotland	N. Ireland	Total
Fuelled	4,419,679	358,392	1,202,261	35,329	6,015,661
Anerobic Digestion	307,719	0	71,158	5,672	384,549
Advanced gasification	3,033	0	0	0	3,033
Co-firing of biomass	1,409,756	907	26,696	0	1,437,359
Co-firing of energy crops	60,073	33	0	0	60,106
Dedicated biomass	2,409,867	117,117	137,336	930	2,665,250
Dedicated biomass with CHP	96,961	240,086	959,093	28,727	1,324,867
Dedicated energy crops	32,423	249	460	0	33,132
Dedicated energy crops with CHP	657	0	7,518	0	8,175
Electricity generated from sewage gas*	98,704	0	0	0	98,704
Standard gasification	396	0	0	0	396
Unspecified	90	0	0	0	90
Hydro 20MW DNC or less	52,200	144,025	2,433,225	6,663	2,636,113
Hydro 50kW DNC or less	0	0	0	2,606	2,606
Micro Hydro	9,072	3,607	60,246	4,713	77,638
Landfill Gas	4,273,392	168,995	502,452	58,397	5,003,236
Off-shore Wind	7,071,768	641,011	1,072,309	0	8,785,088
On-shore Wind	2,186,460	972,220	7,375,679	1,118,702	11,653,061
Wind 50kW DNC or less	0	0	0	8,325	8,325
Photovoltaic	754	0	0	0	754
Photovoltaic 50kW DNC or less	0	0	0	2,357	2,357
Sewage Gas**	502,110	38,430	25,886	0	566,426
Tidal Flow	0	0	339	2,040	2,379
Wave Power	0	0	127	0	127
Total	18,515,435	2,326,680	12,672,524	1,239,132	34,753,771

³¹ Sewage gas, where listed under 'Fuelled' technology, refers to stations which may have used other types of fuel to generate electricity; sewage gas, where listed separately, refers to stations solely using sewage gas to generate electricity



Table B2: ROCs, SROCs and NIROCs issued each month of 2011-1232

Month	ROCs	SROCs	NIROCs	Total
April 2011	1,315,420	833,219	70,176	2,218,815
May 2011	1,674,458	1,181,002	124,223	2,979,683
June 2011	1,317,197	643,653	45,676	2,006,526
July 2011	1,238,359	530,272	46,053	1,814,684
August 2011	1,318,244	676,086	50,992	2,045,322
September 2011	1,660,543	1,076,630	116,612	2,853,785
October 2011	1,890,845	1,332,610	120,682	3,344,137
November 2011	1,873,416	1,203,756	145,878	3,223,050
December 2011	2,483,326	1,446,945	150,406	4,080,677
January 2012	2,514,214	1,429,767	143,647	4,087,628
February 2012	2,064,092	1,265,345	115,240	3,444,677
March 2012	1,491,909	1,053,239	96,133	2,641,281
Annual*	92	0	13,414	13,506
Total	20,842,115	12,672,524	1,239,132	34,753,771

Table B3: Total ROCs issued each month of 2011-12 by generation technology³³

Generation Technology	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Annual *	Total
Fuelled	400,937	405,092	409,587	439,043	452,417	408,365	450,396	427,491	467,525	933,770	759,639	460,766	633	6,015,661
Anerobic Digestion	23,482	23,823	24,329	25,696	29,713	30,676	34,904	34,599	35,308	37,488	38,569	45,329	633	384,549
Advanced gasification	259	230	165	555	224	444	306	422	428	0	0	0	0	3,033
Co-firing of biomass	104,009	83,343	104,752	124,804	140,579	121,681	154,822	160,038	111,199	124,957	103,927	103,248	0	1,437,359
Co-firing of energy crops	2,483	3,179	6,857	8,826	1,968	4,327	2,177	1,769	4,427	7,926	6,969	9,198	0	60,106
Dedicated biomass	193,614	155,749	138,598	135,956	149,970	145,742	141,124	139,424	208,173	617,728	484,045	155,127	0	2,665,250
Dedicated biomass with CHP	67,720	127,112	120,167	128,526	115,006	94,866	106,827	79,881	95,873	135,199	117,231	136,459	0	1,324,867
Dedicated energy crops	50	1,915	5,064	4,791	4,506	1,174	1,387	2,479	4,333	2,419	1,699	3,315	0	33,132
Dedicated energy crops with CHP	0	230	1,045	1,771	2,323	1,780	177	0	219	499	131	0	0	8,175
Electricity generated from sewage gas*	9,320	9,511	8,610	8,118	8,128	7,675	8,660	8,869	7,546	7,383	6,987	7,897	0	98,704
Standard gasification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	64	175	0	396
Unspecified	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	19	14	17	18	0	90
Hydro 20MW DNC or less	170,824	162,030	158,049	136,438	168,216	232,784	280,687	236,110	321,482	318,222	240,679	210,592	0	2,636,113
Hydro 50kW DNC or less	26	27	29	21	17	27	33	39	46	46	39	33	2,223	2,606
Micro Hydro	5,266	4,729	5,272	4,472	5,459	7,598	8,250	7,256	8,068	8,007	7,036	6,225	0	77,638
Landfill Gas	415,132	423,000	405,132	416,539	419,013	407,699	423,326	419,722	434,066	430,295	394,497	414,815	0	5,003,236
Off-shore Wind	460,140	749,504	496,276	402,412	451,612	728,786	876,780	887,668	1,272,824	978,215	864,993	615,878	0	8,785,088
On-shore Wind	718,425	1,186,412	485,257	367,779	503,091	1,022,312	1,256,432	1,197,001	1,529,205	1,370,188	1,132,624	884,335	0	11,653,061
Wind 50kW DNC or less	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	8,293	8,325
Photovoltaic	77	94	145	109	84	70	43	18	15	18	27	54	0	754
Photovoltaic 50kW DNC or less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,357	2,357
Sewage Gas***	47,697	48,695	46,705	47,736	45,404	46,075	48,176	47,595	47,287	48,399	44,652	48,005	0	566,426
Tidal Flow	270	97	72	133	5	52	11	136	156	465	489	493	0	2,379
Wave Power	18	0	0	0	3	14	0	10	0	0	0	82	0	127
Total	2,218,815	2,979,683	2,006,526	1,814,684	2,045,322	2,853,785	3,344,137	3,223,050	4,080,677	4,087,628	3,444,677	2,641,281	13,506	34,753,771

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Table B4: ROCs issued under the RO (England and Wales) each month of 2011-12 by generation technology³⁴

Generation Technology	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2013	Annual *	Total
Fuelled	317,141	285,929	291,880	323,472	347,214	325,171	355,909	363,036	381,272	808,470	644,131	334,354	92	4,778,071
Anerobic Digestion	19,314	20,193	19,991	20,912	23,720	23,754	27,356	27,468	28,359	30,718	29,865	35,977	92	307,719
Advanced gasification	259	230	165	555	224	444	306	422	428	0	0	0	0	3,033
Co-firing of biomass	101,823	80,329	101,619	122,083	139,322	120,212	153,170	157,939	109,344	122,313	101,587	100,922	0	1,410,663
Co-firing of energy crops	2,483	3,179	6,857	8,826	1,968	4,327	2,177	1,769	4,427	7,926	6,969	9,198	0	60,106
Dedicated biomass	159,031	144,472	127,521	125,703	139,573	138,787	132,351	134,338	198,794	606,236	473,574	146,604	0	2,526,984
Dedicated biomass with CHP	24,861	25,870	21,883	32,527	29,861	28,858	30,501	29,742	28,035	31,284	23,377	30,248	0	337,047
Dedicated energy crops	50	1,915	5,014	4,686	4,367	1,068	1,376	2,479	4,320	2,391	1,691	3,315	0	32,672
Dedicated energy crops with CHP	0	230	220	62	51	46	0	0	0	48	0	0	0	657
Electricity generated from sewage gas**	9,320	9,511	8,610	8,118	8,128	7,675	8,660	8,869	7,546	7,383	6,987	7,897	0	98,704
Standard gasification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	64	175	0	396
Unspecified	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	10	19	14	17	18	0	90
Hydro 20MW DNC or less	9,117	9,451	8,011	9,506	12,671	19,538	20,037	17,760	34,136	30,661	15,109	10,228	0	196,225
Micro Hydro	805	742	718	719	768	1,145	1,099	1,134	1,641	1,590	1,207	1,111	0	12,679
Landfill Gas	370,695	376,840	360,539	371,040	372,318	360,281	374,665	371,759	384,774	382,321	349,362	367,793	0	4,442,387
Off-shore Wind	383,129	630,544	441,099	365,063	395,668	613,153	746,573	777,315	1,152,798	872,419	775,562	559,456	0	7,712,779
On-shore Wind	188,508	324,392	170,590	123,197	146,254	297,097	346,386	296,457	483,901	372,564	236,215	173,119	0	3,158,680
Photovoltaic	77	94	145	109	84	70	43	18	15	18	27	54	0	754
Sewage Gas***	45,948	46,466	44,215	45,253	43,267	44,088	46,133	45,937	44,789	46,171	42,479	45,794	0	540,540
Total	1,315,420	1,674,458	1,317,197	1,238,359	1,318,244	1,660,543	1,890,845	1,873,416	2,483,326	2,514,214	2,064,092	1,491,909	92	20,842,115

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Table B5: SROCs issued under the ROS (Scotland) each month of 2011-12 by generation technology

Generation Technology	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Total
Fuelled	80,692	118,841	114,517	115,259	101,135	82,505	90,212	60,684	83,838	121,376	111,421	121,781	1,202,261
Anerobic Digestion	4,168	3,630	4,338	4,759	5,759	6,484	6,970	6,520	6,524	6,120	7,721	8,165	71,158
Co-firing of biomass	2,186	3,014	3,133	2,721	1,257	1,469	1,652	2,099	1,855	2,644	2,340	2,326	26,696
Dedicated biomass	34,476	11,277	10,973	10,253	10,273	6,955	8,662	5,022	9,310	11,374	10,362	8,399	137,336
Dedicated biomass with CHP	39,862	100,920	95,198	95,712	81,435	65,757	72,740	47,043	65,917	100,759	90,859	102,891	959,093
Dedicated energy crops	0	0	50	105	139	106	11	0	13	28	8	0	460
Dedicated energy crops with CHP	0	0	825	1,709	2,272	1,734	177	0	219	451	131	0	7,518
Hydro 20MW DNC or less	161,270	152,493	149,771	126,478	155,252	212,884	260,215	217,668	286,488	286,579	224,579	199,548	2,433,225
Micro Hydro	4,391	3,924	4,380	3,379	4,337	6,003	6,616	5,589	5,821	5,818	5,306	4,682	60,246
Landfill Gas	39,394	41,226	39,618	40,856	41,840	42,827	43,952	42,643	43,942	43,170	40,663	42,321	502,452
Off-shore Wind	77,011	118,960	55,177	37,349	55,944	115,633	130,207	110,353	120,026	105,796	89,431	56,422	1,072,309
On-shore Wind	468,694	743,329	277,700	204,459	315,433	614,725	799,354	765,015	904,331	864,800	791,704	626,135	7,375,679
Sewage Gas	1,749	2,229	2,490	2,483	2,137	1,987	2,043	1,658	2,498	2,228	2,173	2,211	25,886
Tidal Flow	0	0	0	9	5	52	11	136	1	0	68	57	339
Total	833,219	1,181,002	643,653	530,272	676,086	1,076,630	1,332,610	1,203,756	1,446,945	1,429,767	1,265,345	1,053,239	12,672,524

Table B6: NIROCs issued under the NIRO (Northern Ireland) each month of 2011-12 by generation technology³⁵

Generation Technology	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Annual *	Total
Fuelled	3,104	322	3,190	312	4,068	689	4,275	3,771	2,415	3,924	4,087	4,631	541	35,329
Anerobic Digestion	0	0	0	25	234	438	578	611	425	650	983	1,187	541	5,672
Dedicated biomass	107	0	104	0	124	0	111	64	69	118	109	124	0	930
Dedicated biomass with CHP	2,997	322	3,086	287	3,710	251	3,586	3,096	1,921	3,156	2,995	3,320	0	28,727
Hydro 20MW DNC or less	437	86	267	454	293	362	435	682	858	982	991	816	0	6,663
Hydro 50kW DNC or less	26	27	29	21	17	27	33	39	46	46	39	33	2,223	2,606
Micro Hydro	70	63	174	374	354	450	535	533	606	599	523	432	0	4,713
Landfill Gas	5,043	4,934	4,975	4,643	4,855	4,591	4,709	5,320	5,350	4,804	4,472	4,701	0	58,397
On-shore Wind	61,223	118,691	36,967	40,123	41,404	110,490	110,692	135,529	140,973	132,824	104,705	85,081	0	1,118,702
Wind 50kW DNC or less	3	3	2	2	1	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	8,293	8,325
Photovoltaic 50kW DNC or less	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,357	2,357
Tidal Flow	270	97	72	124	0	0	0	0	155	465	421	436	0	2,040
Total	70,176	124,223	45,676	46,053	50,992	116,612	120,682	145,878	150,406	143,647	115,240	96,133	13,414	1,239,132

³⁵ The column listed as 'Annual' relates to annually issued ROCs for microgeneration that remains under the RO schemes

Table B7: Total ROCs revoked during 2011-12

Generation Technology	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012	Mar 2012	Total
Fuelled	30	110	90	84	202	72	5,200	1,767	1,849	2,346	2,186	0	13,936
Anerobic Digestion	30	0	0	32	150	51	1,367	1,559	1,849	2,346	2,186	0	9,570
Advanced gasification	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Dedicated biomass	0	108	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	170
Dedicated biomass with CHP	0	0	15	26	0	0	3,833	208	0	0	0	0	4,082
Dedicated energy crops	0	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Dedicated energy crops with CHP	0	0	12	25	41	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	98
Electricity generated from sewage gas	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hydro 20MW DNC or less	8	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	26
Micro Hydro	0	0	10	30	27	34	35	0	0	0	0	0	136
Landfill Gas	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0	4	0	9	0	27
Off-shore Wind	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	23
On-shore Wind	1,068	674	379	206	1,918	0	172	163	1,555	35	0	0	6,170
Total	1,106	800	479	320	2,147	106	5,421	1,930	3,408	2,381	2,218	2	20,318



Appendix 4 - Accredited generating stations

Table C1: Number and capacity of generating stations with accreditation dates falling during 2011-12

	Eng	land	Wa	ales	Scot	land	Northerr	ı Ireland	То	tal
Generation Technology	Quantity	Capacity (kW)								
Fuelled	21	33,771	0	0	1	2,144	2	485	24	36,400
Off-shore Wind	3	645,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	645,000
On-shore Wind	6	133,612	2	15,571	13	590,420	16	31,128	37	770,731
Hydro	0	0	1	55	0	0	2	279	3	334
Wave Power	0	0	0	0	1	735	0	0	1	735
Sub-Total DNC >50kW	30	812,383	3	15,626	15	593,299	20	31,892	68	1,453,201
Fuelled	2	21	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	23
On-shore Wind	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	123	16	123
Hydro	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	2	28
Photovoltaic	0	0	0	0	0	0	171	631	171	631
Sub-Total DNC <=50kW	2	21	0	0	0	0	190	783	192	804
Photovoltaic	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	219	51	219
Sub-Total DNC <= 50kW	1	2	0	0	0	0	107	734	108	736
Total	32	812,404	3	15,626	15	593,299	210	32,675	260	1,454,005

Table C2: Number and capacity of generating stations with accreditation dates falling on or before 31 March 2012

	England		Wales		Scotland		Northern Ireland		Total	
Generation Technology	Quantity	Capacity (kW)	Quantity	Capacity (kW)	Quantity	Capacity (kW)	Quantity	Capacity (kW)	Quantity	Capacity (kW)
Fuelled	130	2,652,613	5	38,325	14	228,367	7	54,180	156	2,973,485
Landfill Gas	373	858,592	18	34,399	39	99,653	6	10,758	436	1,003,402
Off-shore Wind	16	2,313,200	2	150,000	3	188,478	0	0	21	2,651,678
On-shore Wind	128	992,480	40	418,956	121	3,174,171	72	386,982	361	4,972,589
Hydro	51	25,863	32	77,667	147	613,483	17	3,254	247	720,267
Sewage Gas	132	122,632	15	11,558	5	6,497	0	0	152	140,687
Photovoltaic	15	1,071	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1,071
Tidal Stream	0	0	0	0	2	700	1	1,200	3	1,900
Wave Power	0	0	0	0	2	1,235	0	0	2	1,235
Sub-Total DNC >50kW	845	6,966,451	112	730,905	333	4,312,583	103	456,375	1,393	12,466,314
Fuelled	12	95	0	0	0	0	2	2	13	97
On-shore Wind	3	17	0	0	1	2	373	3,029	377	3,048
Hydro	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	265	13	265
Sewage Gas	1	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30
Photovoltaic	4	9	0	0	0	0	448	1,730	452	1,739
Sub-Total DNC <=50kW	20	151	0	0	1	2	836	5,026	856	5,179
Total	865	6,966,602	112	730,905	334	4,312,585	939	461,401	2,249	12,471,493

Table C3: Generating stations accredited as at 31 March 2012 under a NFFO contract

	England a	and Wales NFFO	Scotland SRO		Northern	Ireland NFFO	Total	
Generation Technology	Quantity	Capacity (kW)	Quantity	Capacity (kW)	Quantity	Capacity (kW)	Quantity	Capacity (kW)
Fuelled	1	11,369	0	0	0	0	1	11,369
Hydro	16	13,223	9	8,063	3	685	28	21,971
Landfill Gas	96	277,203	6	13,443	0	0	102	290,646
Off-shore Wind	1	1,800	0	0	0	0	1	1,800
On-shore Wind	44	258,001	12	100,681	6	26,280	62	384,962
Wave Power	0	0	1	500	0	0	1	500
Sewage Gas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	158	561,596	28	122,687	9	26,965	195	711,248

Table C4: Summary of approved capacity amendments effective from 2011-12

Туре	Fuelled	Onshore Wind	Sewage Gas	Landfill Gas	Hydro	PV	Totals
No. capacity increases	8	4	17	37	0	1	67
No. capacity decreases	0	4	1	24	2	0	31
Total capacity changes	8	8	18	61	2	1	98
Capacity increases (MW)	47.6	22.5	15.9	32.2	0.0	<0.1	118.2
Capacity decreases (MW)	0	-0.3	0.0	-20.9	-3.6	0	-24.7
Net capacity change (MW)	47.6	22.2	15.9	11.3	-3.6	<0.1	93.5

Appendix 5 - Glossary

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Act	Electricity Act 1989	NI	Northern Ireland
AD	Anaerobic Digestion		Northern Ireland Authority for Utility
ASA	Agency Services Agreement		Regulation
_		NIRO	Northern Ireland Renewables
C			Obligation
CHP	Combined Heat and Power	NIROC	Northern Ireland Renewables
			Obligation Certificate
D		NFFO	Non-Fossil Fuel Obligation
DECC	Department of Energy and Climate	NI NFFC	Northern Ireland Non-Fossil Fuel
DLCC	Change		Obligation
DETI	Department of Enterprise, Trade and	_	
	Investment	0	
DNC	Declared Net Capacity	Ofgem	Office of Gas and Electricity Markets
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EU	European Union	PV	Photovoltaic
EMR	Electricity Market Reform		
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■ FMS	Fuel Measurement and	RO	Renewable Energy Directive 2009 Renewables Obligation
LIVIS	Sampling	ROC	Renewables Obligation Certificate
FIT	Feed in Tariff	ROS	Renewables Obligation Scotland
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GB GHG	Great Britain Greenhouse Gas	SRO	Scottish Renewables Obligation
GCV	Gross Calorific Value	SKO	(NFFO)
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MWh	Megawatt-hour	UK	United Kingdom
MCS	Microgeneration Certification Scheme		

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