

Advance Energy Ltd would be classified as a Wholesale TPI. Alongside Action Renewables, we are one of the two main participants in this market. To our knowledge, there are no other organisations currently operating at any significant scale — that is, managing more than around ten generators — aside from smaller groups of generators who collaborate and contract individually either through a TPI or directly with a power company.

Question 6:

No. When comparing the market today with how it operated 15 years ago, TPIs deserve credit for introducing greater competition for generators, helping to reduce trading fees, and ensuring that generators receive a fair price for their electricity. TPIs have evolved from renewable energy consultancy businesses and have a key role to play in supporting their clients through data submissions and ensuring continued compliance with Ofgem and NIE requirements.

Question 7:

We do not believe there are any special requirements for generators engaging with TPIs in the energy market — certainly no more than when dealing directly with a power company. Owners of small-scale generators are generally well-informed and tend to compare offers between TPIs and power companies to secure the best terms.

Question 9

No