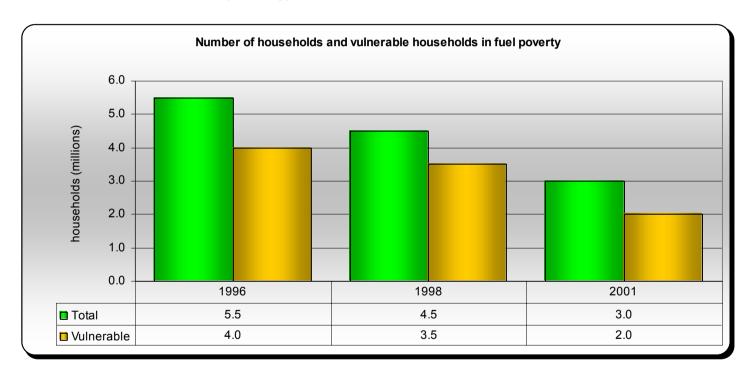
#### **Social Action Plan Indicators**

The Social Action Plan has a series of 12 indicators to monitor its progress. A number of these indicators are updated on a quarterly basis from figures provided by suppliers under their codes of practice monitoring returns. The 12 indicators which follow are:

- 1. Total number of households in fuel poverty
- 2. Number of customers using prepayment meters
- 3. Domestic debt
- 4. Tariff and payment choice
- 5. Disadvantaged customers and competition
- 6. Priority service registers
- 7. Disconnections
- 8. Self-disconnections
- 9. Effective energy efficiency advice
- 10. Warm homes initiatives
- 11. Customer satisfaction
- 12. Prices

### 1. Total number of households in fuel poverty

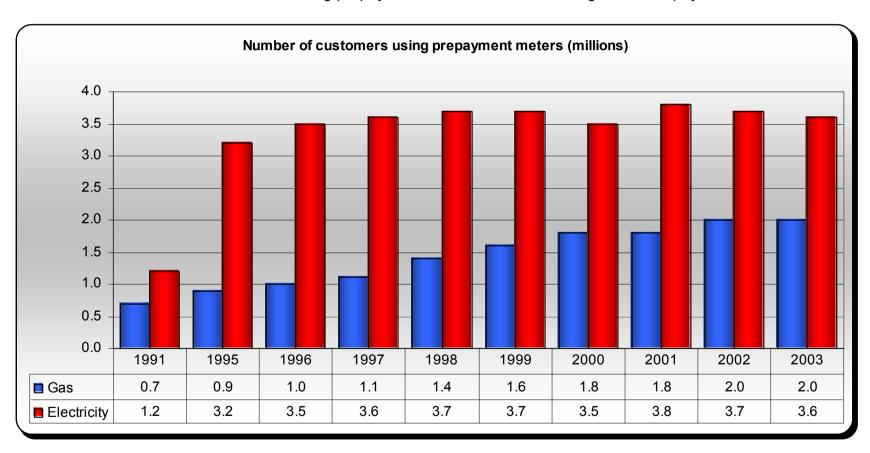
The chart below shows the latest Government estimates for the number of households in fuel poverty. The definition of a fuel poor household, on which the figures below are based, is one needing to spend more than 10% of its income (net of income tax and National Insurance and including Housing Benefit and ISMI) on household fuel use. Vulnerable households include people who are elderly, disabled and chronically sick and families with young children. More information on estimating the number of households in fuel poverty is available in the UK Fuel Poverty Strategy.



(Source: The UK Fuel Poverty Strategy, DTI, November 2001. Figures are UK estimates)

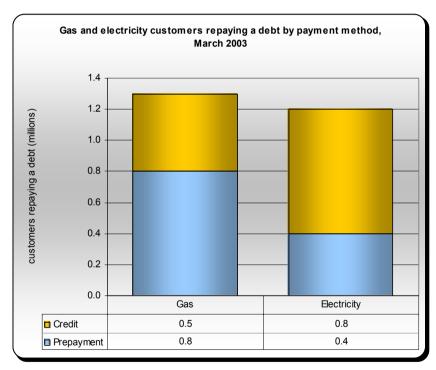
### 2. Number of customers using prepayment meters

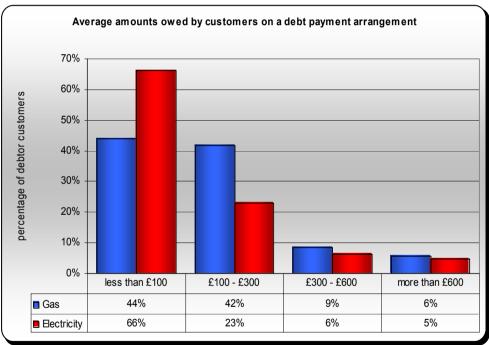
Research carried out for Ofgem by MORI suggests that most prepayment customers are generally satisfied with this method of payment. However prepayment remains the most expensive method of paying for electricity and gas. Ofgem will continue to monitor both the numbers of customers using prepayment meters, and those using them to repay debts.

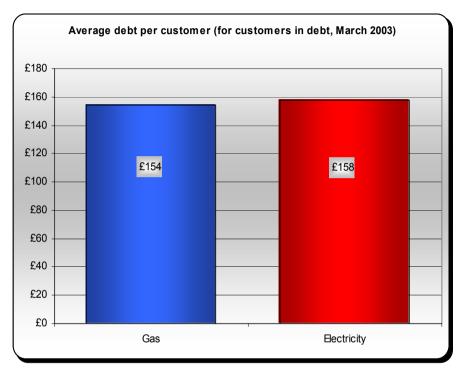


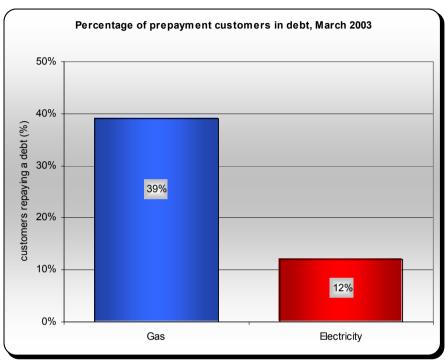
#### 3. Levels of Debt

The charts below set out the number of customers repaying a debt (both prepayment customers repaying through their meter and credit customers repaying through a payment arrangement); the relative size of debts for customers who are repaying a debt; the percentage of prepayment meter customers that are repaying a debt; and the average size of debt for customers in debt.



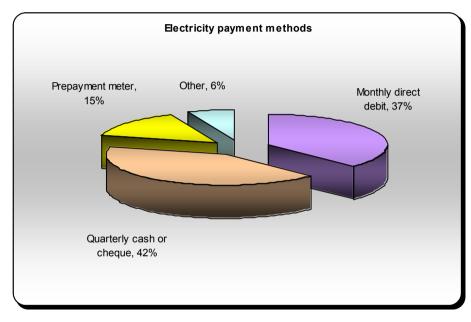


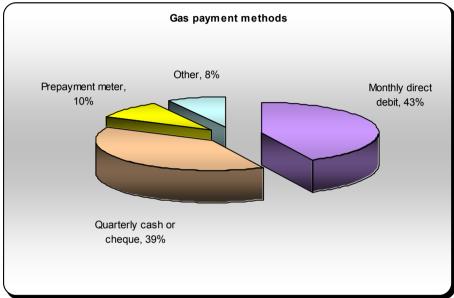




## 4. Tariff and Payment Choice

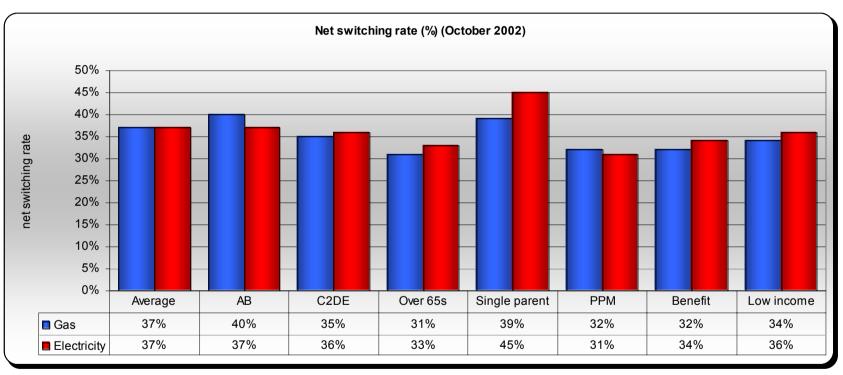
These charts show the percentage of customers who pay for their gas and electricity by various payment methods.





## 5. Disadvantaged customers and competition

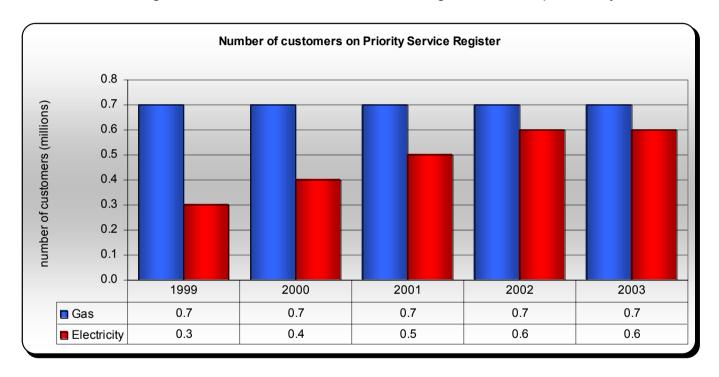
The latest statistics from an Electricity Association survey on switching rates across various consumer groups (set out below) show that competition has reached most groups fairly evenly. These figures reflect the number of customers who are no longer with their incumbent supplier.



(Source: EA)

#### 6. Priority Service Registers

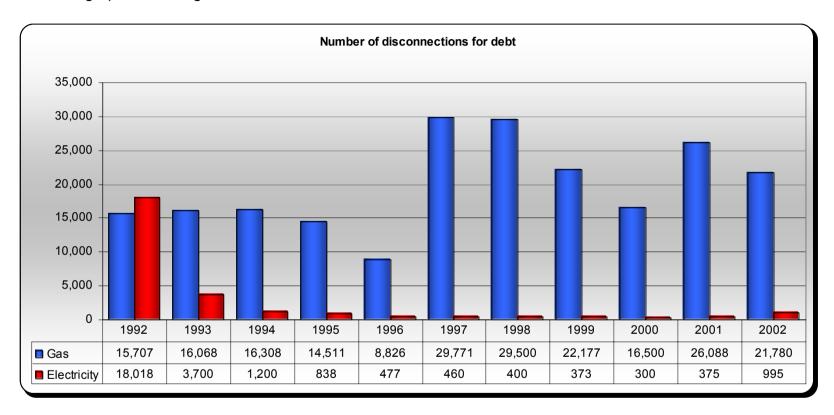
All suppliers operate registers for customers who are elderly, disabled or chronically sick. Customers on these registers may request special services free of charge. The numbers of customers on the register over the past four years are set out below.



(N.B. Gas figures for 1999 and 2000 are estimated owing to previously incorrectly reported figures by one supplier)

#### 7. Disconnections

Set out below is a graph illustrating the number of disconnections for debt from 1992 to 2002.



### 8. Self-disconnections

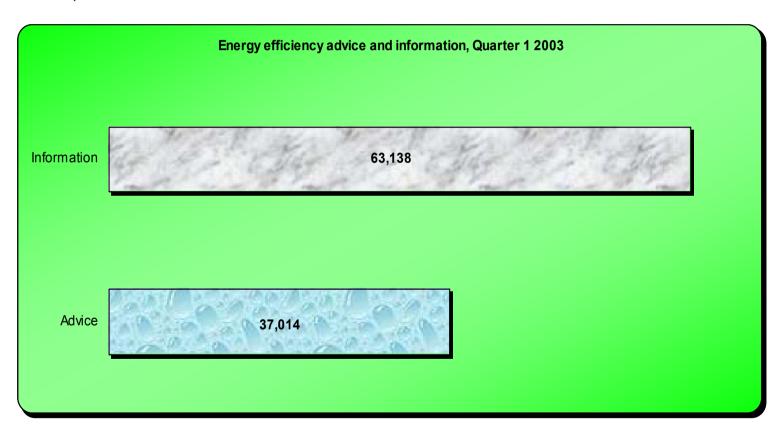
The proportion of households with prepayment meters that reported self-disconnection is set out below.

| Household Categories          | Disconnected from electricity | Disconnected from gas |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| All prepayment customers      | 24%                           | 27%                   |
| Receiving benefits            | 24%                           | 29%                   |
| One or more unemployed        | 30%                           | 33%                   |
| In rural areas                | 25%                           | 19%                   |
| Receiving state pension       | 11%                           | 18%                   |
| Low income                    | 24%                           | 28%                   |
| Receiving disability benefits | 21%                           | 22%                   |
| With children                 | 27%                           | 32%                   |

(Source: EA Fuel Poverty Task Force)

### 9. Effective energy efficiency advice

The graph below shows the number of customers who received specific energy efficiency advice, usually over the telephone, for the first quarter of 2003. It also shows the number of customers receiving general information (e.g. through a code of practice or leaflet) for the same period.



#### 10. Warm Homes Initiative

Ofgem believes it is very important that those on low incomes gain benefits from competitive energy markets in the same way as other customers, with suppliers having maximum encouragement to innovate to provide high quality services to the fuel poor as part of the competitive market place. Companies have responded with a number of major initiatives to address the needs of the fuel poor. Ofgem has encouraged these initiatives strongly, will continue to monitor them closely and continues to encourage new schemes.

Among the schemes operated by suppliers are:

**Staywarm:** Run by TXU/PowerGen, this is a tariff aimed at older people that offers a fixed price for gas and electricity, regardless of usage.

**Health Through Warmth:** Run by npower, this is a scheme that trains healthcare workers to identify where vulnerable people are living in homes in need of energy efficiency improvements, and then referring them to sources of help.

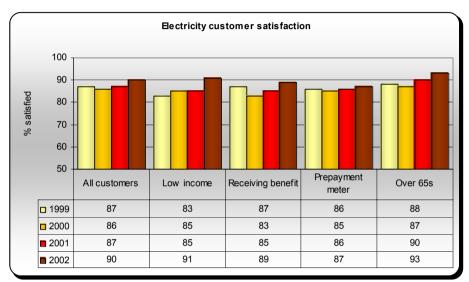
**Here to HELP:** Run by British Gas, this scheme aims to target energy efficiency and other measures, fuel discounts and advice to around half a million homes.

**Age Concern Partnership:** Run by Powergen, this is a tariff aimed at older people that offers a cold weather payment, equivalent to 2 hours free heating, on days where the temperature falls below freezing. It also targets energy efficiency measures and other help towards older people.

This list offers only a few examples of the schemes run by suppliers. For further details on these and other schemes, please contact the suppliers direct. Contact details are in the Customer Information section of the website.

#### 11. Customer Satisfaction

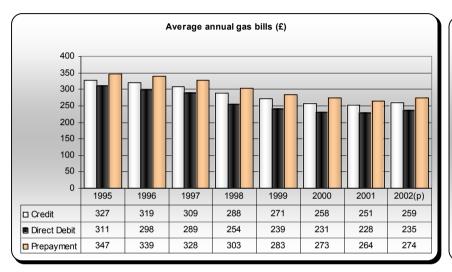
The latest research on customer satisfaction is set out below

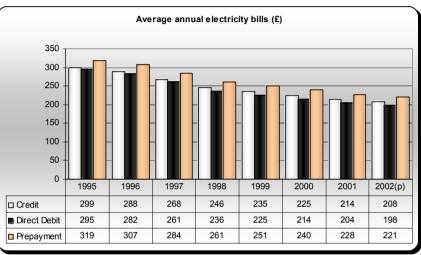




(Source: MORI 1999 - 2001 and EA 2002)

12. Prices
The graphs below show how average annual bills have changed for different customers since 1995.





(Source: The UK Fuel Poverty Strategy. Based on a quarterly survey of suppliers and assumes 3,300kWh per annum consumption for electricity customers and 18,000 kWh for gas customers. The figures are calculated in real 1995 terms, using the GDP deflator. Figures for 2002 are provisional.)

### Payment Methods March 2003

| Electricity           | Quarterly<br>cash/cheque | Monthly<br>direct debit | Weekly,<br>Fortnightly or<br>Flexible<br>payment<br>scheme | Prepayment<br>meter | Other | Total  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------|-------|--------|
| Amerada               | 18.1%                    | 74.4%                   | 0.0%   | 2.0%                | 5.5%  | 100.0% |
| Atlantic              | 45.1%                    | 46.2%                   | 0.5%   | 6.7%                | 1.5%  | 100.0% |
| British Gas           | 38.1%                    | 40.7%                   | 4.6%   | 16.4%               | 0.2%  | 100.0% |
| LE Group              | 48.3%                    | 27.1%                   | 2.5%   | 18.5%               | 3.6%  | 100.0% |
| npower                | 39.3%                    | 41.2%                   | 1.8%   | 12.8%               | 4.9%  | 100.0% |
| npower Northern       | 61.0%                    | 18.0%                   | 3.4%   | 14.3%               | 3.3%  | 100.0% |
| npower Yorkshire      | 45.0%                    | 30.8%                   | 4.6%   | 13.3%               | 6.3%  | 100.0% |
| Powergen              | 40.0%                    | 44.3%                   | 1.9%   | 11.7%               | 2.1%  | 100.0% |
| Scottish and Southern | 39.4%                    | 40.2%                   | 1.3%   | 15.0%               | 4.1%  | 100.0% |
| Scottish Power        | 36.4%                    | 36.6%                   | 4.8%   | 18.1%               | 4.1%  | 100.0% |
| Seeboard              | 45.5%                    | 39.3%                   | 1.5%   | 8.7%                | 5.0%  | 100.0% |
| Telecom Plus          | 0.0%                     | 81.5%                   | 0.0%   | 0.5%                | 18.0% | 100.0% |
| TXU Energi            | 45.4%                    | 34.9%                   | 3.5%   | 11.3%               | 4.9%  | 100.0% |
| Utility Link          | 35.4%                    | 53.1%                   | 0.0%   | 0.3%                | 11.2% | 100.0% |
| Industry              | 41.7%                    | 37.4%                   | 2.8%   | 14.5%               | 3.6%  | 100.0% |

| Gas                   | Quarterly<br>cash/cheque | Monthly<br>direct debit | Weekly,<br>Fortnightly or<br>Flexible<br>payment<br>scheme | Prepayment<br>meter | Other | Total  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------|-------|--------|
| Amerada               | 32.1%                    | 57.4%                   | 0.0%   | 3.4%                | 7.1%  | 100.0% |
| Atlantic              | 49.6%                    | 45.3%                   | 0.0%   | 5.0%                | 0.1%  | 100.0% |
| British Gas           | 41.5%                    | 38.3%                   | 3.7%   | 11.3%               | 5.2%  | 100.0% |
| Countrywide Gas       | 37.1%                    | 60.2%                   | 0.0%   | 0.3%                | 2.4%  | 100.0% |
| LE Group              | 46.6%                    | 42.5%                   | 1.1%   | 8.0%                | 1.8%  | 100.0% |
| npower                | 35.7%                    | 48.2%                   | 6.8%   | 7.4%                | 1.9%  | 100.0% |
| npower Northern       | 25.8%                    | 39.1%                   | 8.5%   | 18.9%               | 7.7%  | 100.0% |
| npower Yorkshire      | 37.2%                    | 41.2%                   | 9.6%   | 7.4%                | 4.6%  | 100.0% |
| Powergen              | 36.3%                    | 52.4%                   | 3.5%   | 5.4%                | 2.4%  | 100.0% |
| Scottish and Southern | 32.2%                    | 57.3%                   | 2.2%   | 6.9%                | 1.4%  | 100.0% |
| Scottish Power        | 32.5%                    | 54.6%                   | 6.0%   | 6.2%                | 0.7%  | 100.0% |
| Seeboard Energy       | 31.5%                    | 56.1%                   | 4.5%   | 3.8%                | 4.1%  | 100.0% |
| Telecom Plus          | 0.0%                     | 98.6%                   | 0.0%   | 0.5%                | 0.9%  | 100.0% |
| TXU Energi            | 42.2%                    | 46.4%                   | 3.0%   | 6.1%                | 2.3%  | 100.0% |
| Industry              | 39.3%                    | 42.8%                   | 4.0%   | 9.8%                | 4.1%  | 100.0% |

## Debt Repayment Jan-Mar 2003

| Electricity           | Average<br>weekly<br>amount<br>towards debt<br>(non PPM) | Average<br>number of<br>weeks to<br>recover debt<br>(non PPM) | Average<br>weekly<br>amount<br>towards<br>debt (PPM) | Average<br>number of<br>weeks to<br>recover debt<br>(PPM) |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Amerada               |  |   |  |   |
| Atlantic              |  |   | £3.00  | 26  |
| British Gas           | £3.10  | 49  | £5.16  | 48  |
| LE Group              | £7.48  | 47  | £4.36  | 75  |
| npower                | £3.76  | 26  | £2.94  | 96  |
| npower Northern       | £5.29  | 40  | £4.29  | 54  |
| npower Yorkshire      | £2.70  | 56  | £2.70  | 37  |
| Powergen              | £6.93  | 26  | £7.42  | 40  |
| Scottish and Southern | £4.88  | 41  | £5.54  | 39  |
| Scottish Power        | £2.27  | 75  | £1.45  | 91  |
| Seeboard              | £2.61  | 49  | £4.73  | 100   |
| Telecom Plus          | £0.00  | 0   | £0.00  | 0   |
| TXU Energi            | £2.55  | 52  | £5.58  | 52  |
| Utility Link          | £0.00  | 0   | £0.00  | 0   |
| Total                 | £2.84  | 63  | £3.84  | 65  |

| Gas                   | Average<br>weekly<br>amount<br>towards debt<br>(non PPM) | Average<br>number of<br>weeks to<br>recover debt<br>(non PPM) | Average<br>weekly<br>amount<br>towards<br>debt (PPM) | Average<br>number of<br>weeks to<br>recover debt<br>(PPM) |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Amerada               |  |   |  |   |
| Atlantic              |  |   | £2.00  | 26  |
| British Gas           | £2.33  | 45  | £5.30  | 41  |
| Countrywide Gas       | £18.00   | 45  | £5.00  | 58  |
| LE Group              | £7.46  | 48  | £9.75  | 81  |
| npower                | £5.87  | 29  | £6.21  | 44  |
| npower Northern       | £4.82  | 43  | £2.32  | 110   |
| npower Yorkshire      | £2.70  | 59  | £2.70  | 50  |
| Powergen              | £6.08  | 26  | £8.50  | 35  |
| Scottish and Southern | £4.34  | 41  | £4.61  | 77  |
| Scottish Power        | £2.19  | 75  | £3.93  | 108   |
| Seeboard Energy       | £2.70  | 50  | £6.00  | 70  |
| Telecom Plus          | £0.00  | 0   | £0.00  | 0   |
| TXU Energi            | £2.79  | 52  | £5.01  | 26  |
| Total                 | £2.72  | 54  | £5.01  | 55  |

## Disconnections Jan-Mar 2003

| Electricity           | Number of<br>customers<br>disconnected<br>for debt this<br>quarter | Number of<br>customers<br>reconnected<br>this quarter<br>(debt) | Number of<br>customers not<br>yet<br>reconnected<br>(debt) | Average period<br>of<br>disconnection<br>in days (debt) | Number of non-<br>prepayment<br>customers<br>disconnected<br>for theft this<br>quarter | Number of<br>prepayment<br>customers<br>disconnected<br>for theft this<br>quarter | Number of<br>customers<br>not yet<br>reconnected<br>(theft) |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|---|--|---|---|
| Amerada               |  |   |  |   |  |   |   |
| Atlantic              | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| British Gas           | 65   | 33  | 67   | 40  | 2  | 6   | 4   |
| LE Group              | 88   | 47  | 41   | 6   | 39   | 66  | 56  |
| npower                | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 1   | 1   |
| npower Northern       | 2  | 2   | 0  | 2   | 1  | 25  | 18  |
| npower Yorkshire      | 0  | 7   | 0  | 158   | 2  | 13  | 10  |
| Powergen              | 43   | 14  | 12   | 16  | 1  | 28  | 24  |
| Scottish and Southern | 65   | 45  | 20   | 4   | 8  | 112   | 33  |
| Scottish Power        | 147  | 51  | 97   | 3   | 5  | 133   | 128   |
| Seeboard              | 19   | 12  | 7  | 6   | 2  | 40  | 33  |
| Telecom Plus          | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| TXU Energi            | 96   | 146   | 4  | 3   | 7  | 97  | 59  |
| Utility Link          | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0   |
| Total                 | 525  | 357   | 248  | 11  | 67   | 521   | 366   |

| Gas                   | Number of<br>customers<br>disconnected<br>for debt this<br>quarter | Number of<br>customers<br>reconnected<br>this quarter<br>(debt) | Number of<br>customers not<br>yet<br>reconnected<br>(debt) | Average period<br>of<br>disconnection<br>in days (debt) | Number of non-<br>prepayment<br>customers<br>disconnected<br>for theft this<br>quarter | Number of prepayment customers disconnected for theft this quarter | Number of<br>customers<br>not yet<br>reconnected<br>(theft) |
|-----------------------|--|---|--|---|--|--|---|
| Amerada               |  |   |  |   |  |  |   |
| Atlantic              | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| British Gas           | 3,784  | 1,856   | 2,077  | 63  | 45   | 80   | 90  |
| Countrywide Gas       | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| LE Group              | 165  | 141   | 27   | 4   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| npower                | 0  | 11  | 0  | 139   | 1  | 0  | 0   |
| npower Northern       | 2  | 1   | 1  | 2   | 0  | 4  | 2   |
| npower Yorkshire      | 0  | 18  | 0  | 186   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Powergen              | 36   | 18  | 11   | 21  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Scottish and Southern | 74   | 60  | 16   | 29  | 2  | 0  | 1   |
| Scottish Power        | 121  | 47  | 73   | 2   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Seeboard Energy       | 204  | 163   | 41   | 2   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| Telecom Plus          | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| TXU Energi            | 708  | 603   | 294  | 3   | 0  | 2  | 2   |
| Total                 | 5,094  | 2,918   | 2,540  | 43  | 48   | 86   | 95  |

## Percentage of customers reconnected following disconnections for debt and theft Jan-Mar 2003

| Electricity           | 2 days | 4 days | 7 days | 14 days | 1 month | 1 quarter | 2 days | 4 days | 7 days | 14 days | 1 month | 1 quarter |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| British Gas           | 33%    | 46%    | 64%    | 70%     | 79%     | 91%       | 25%    | 25%    | 25%    | 50%     | 75%     | 100%      |
| LE Group              | 49%    | 60%    | 73%    | 92%     | 100%    | 100%      | 77%    | 78%    | 84%    | 87%     | 88%     | 100%      |
| npower Northern       | 100%   | 100%   | 100%   | 100%    | 100%    | 100%      | 11%    | 56%    | 67%    | 67%     | 89%     | 100%      |
| npower Yorkshire      | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%      | 0%      | 0%        | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 13%     | 20%     | 20%       |
| Powergen              | 21%    | 21%    | 58%    | 58%     | 78%     | 100%      | 40%    | 40%    | 80%    | 80%     | 80%     | 100%      |
| Scottish and Southern | 62%    | 80%    | 89%    | 93%     | 100%    | 100%      | 33%    | 33%    | 52%    | 63%     | 81%     | 100%      |
| Scottish Power        | 89%    | 89%    | 94%    | 95%     | 99%     | 100%      | 33%    | 56%    | 56%    | 56%     | 67%     | 83%       |
| Seeboard              | 32%    | 42%    | 47%    | 58%     | 63%     | 63%       | 5%     | 7%     | 17%    | 19%     | 24%     | 24%       |
| TXU Energi            | 6%     | 20%    | 24%    | 41%     | 87%     | 96%       | 12%    | 20%    | 24%    | 36%     | 47%     | 91%       |

| Gas                   | 2 days | 4 days | 7 days | 14 days | 1 month | 1 quarter | 2 days | 4 days | 7 days | 14 days | 1 month | 1 quarter |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| British Gas           | 18%    | 32%    | 47%    | 59%     | 70%     | 84%       | 43%    | 55%    | 70%    | 80%     | 83%     | 100%      |
| LE Group              | 27%    | 55%    | 71%    | 76%     | 88%     | 100%      |        |        |        |         |         |           |
| npower                | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%      | 0%      | 0%        | 100%   | 100%   | 100%   | 100%    | 100%    | 100%      |
| npower Northern       | 100%   | 100%   | 100%   | 100%    | 100%    | 100%      | 0%     | 0%     | 50%    | 50%     | 50%     | 100%      |
| npower Yorkshire      | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%      | 0%      | 0%        | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%      | 0%      | 0%        |
| Powergen              | 16%    | 16%    | 16%    | 16%     | 16%     | 34%       |        |        |        |         |         |           |
| Scottish and Southern | 40%    | 62%    | 82%    | 93%     | 95%     | 95%       | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%      | 100%    | 100%      |
| Scottish Power        | 94%    | 96%    | 98%    | 98%     | 100%    | 100%      |        |        |        |         |         |           |
| Seeboard Energy       | 70%    | 71%    | 75%    | 80%     | 80%     | 80%       |        |        |        |         |         |           |
| TXU Energi            | 24%    | 47%    | 59%    | 64%     | 83%     | 98%       | 0%     | 0%     | 0%     | 0%      | 0%      | 0%        |

N.B. Shaded areas show percentage of customers reconnected after disconnection for alleged theft

N.B. Suppliers not shown did not carry out any disconnections for either debt or theft.

N.B. Empty boxes indicate that a supplier did not carry out disconnections.

### Fuel Direct Jan-Mar 2003

| Electricity           | Number of<br>customers<br>on fuel<br>direct | Number of<br>customers<br>joining fuel<br>direct this<br>quarter | Number of<br>customers<br>refered to DWP<br>by supplier for<br>fuel direct this<br>quarter | Number of<br>customers<br>refused fuel<br>direct by<br>supplier this<br>quarter | Number of<br>customers<br>refused fuel<br>direct by DWP<br>this quarter | Number of<br>customers on<br>fuel direct<br>without a<br>debt |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| Amerada               | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Atlantic              | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| British Gas           | 2,571                                       | 692  | 881  | 0   | 0   | 230   |
| LE Group              | 1,316                                       | 199  | 210  | 0   | 0   | 412   |
| npower                | 572   | 117  | 145  | 0   | 4   | 97  |
| npower Northern       | 621   | 251  | 331  | 0   | 0   | 559   |
| npower Yorkshire      | 1,844                                       | 257  | 289  | 0   | 5   | 216   |
| Powergen              | 429   | 122  | 140  | 6   | 5   | 111   |
| Scottish and Southern | 2,504                                       | 351  | 275  | 24  | 3   | 655   |
| Scottish Power        | 7,855                                       | 595  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 3,256   |
| Seeboard              | 717   | 100  | 105  | 0   | 3   | 197   |
| Telecom Plus          | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| TXU Energi            | 1,077                                       | 125  | 107  | 0   | 0   | 122   |
| Utility Link          | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Total                 | 19,506                                      | 2,809  | 2,483  | 30  | 20  | 5,855   |

| Gas                   | Number of<br>customers<br>on fuel<br>direct | Number of<br>customers<br>joining fuel<br>direct this<br>quarter | Number of<br>customers<br>refered to DWP<br>by supplier for<br>fuel direct this<br>quarter | Number of<br>customers<br>refused fuel<br>direct by<br>supplier this<br>quarter | Number of<br>customers<br>refused fuel<br>direct by DWP<br>this quarter | Number of<br>customers on<br>fuel direct<br>without a<br>debt |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| Amerada               | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| Atlantic              | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| British Gas           | 21,690                                      | 2,131  | 2,885  | 0   | 0   | 4,841   |
| Countrywide Gas       | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| LE Group              | 740   | 68   | 119  | 0   | 0   | 20  |
| npower                | 1,841                                       | 217  | 89   | 0   | 1   | 53  |
| npower Northern       | 1,264                                       | 170  | 244  | 0   | 0   | 109   |
| npower Yorkshire      | 430   | 81   | 110  | 0   | 2   | 7   |
| Powergen              | 377   | 65   | 70   | 4   | 1   | 95  |
| Scottish and Southern | 1,185                                       | 224  | 222  | 27  | 2   | 190   |
| Scottish Power        | 1,844                                       | 242  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 368   |
| Seeboard Energy       | 290   | 40   | 41   | 0   | 4   | 52  |
| Telecom Plus          | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0   |
| TXU Energi            | 733   | 68   | 86   | 0   | 0   | 18  |
| Total                 | 30,394                                      | 3,306  | 3,866  | 31  | 10  | 5,753   |

# Warrants and Security Deposits Jan-Mar 2003

| Electricity           | Number of<br>customers<br>disconnected on<br>a warrant visit | Number of<br>prepayment<br>meters<br>installed on a<br>warrant visit | Number of forcible entries | Number of<br>security<br>deposits<br>held | Average value of security deposits held | Security<br>deposits<br>held for<br>more than<br>12 months | Number of<br>security<br>deposits<br>received from<br>customers |
|-----------------------|--|--|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Amerada               |  |  |                            |   |   |  |   |
| Atlantic              | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| British Gas           | 65   | 1,693  | 799                        | 2,250                                     | £107.56                                 | 292  | 511   |
| LE Group              | 88   | 553  | 1                          | 213                                       | £108.17                                 | 199  | 5   |
| npower                | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 170                                       | £119.00                                 | 0  | 7   |
| npower Northern       | 2  | 272  | 1                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| npower Yorkshire      | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| Powergen              | 43   | 189  | 169                        | 103                                       | £118.00                                 | 103  | 0   |
| Scottish and Southern | 65   | 402  | 86                         | 112                                       | £115.00                                 | 90   | 14  |
| Scottish Power        | 115  | 263  | 102                        | 277                                       | £194.00                                 | 273  | 0   |
| Seeboard              | 19   | 316  | 110                        | 4   | £131.25                                 | 0  | 1   |
| Telecom Plus          | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| TXU Energi            | 96   | 966  | 1,062                      | 0   |   |  |   |
| Utility Link          | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| Total                 | 493  | 4,654  | 2,330                      | 3,129                                     | £116.52                                 | 957  | 538   |

| Gas                   | Number of<br>customers<br>disconnected on<br>a warrant visit | Number of<br>prepayment<br>meters<br>installed on a<br>warrant visit | Number of forcible entries | Number of<br>security<br>deposits<br>held | Average value of security deposits held | Security<br>deposits<br>held for<br>more than<br>12 months | Number of<br>security<br>deposits<br>received from<br>customers |
|-----------------------|--|--|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Amerada               |  |  |                            |   |   |  |   |
| Atlantic              | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| British Gas           | 3,784  | 2,653  | 3,577                      | 10,279                                    | £183.26                                 | 4,172  | 1,767   |
| Countrywide Gas       | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| LE Group              | 165  | 121  | 5                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| npower                | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| npower Northern       | 2  | 183  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| npower Yorkshire      | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| Powergen              | 36   | 76   | 67                         | 0   |   |  |   |
| Scottish and Southern | 74   | 137  | 103                        | 3   | £74.00                                  | 1  | 1   |
| Scottish Power        | 81   | 114  | 14                         | 0   |   |  |   |
| Seeboard Energy       | 204  | 141  | 61                         | 0   |   |  |   |
| Telecom Plus          | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| TXU Energi            | 708  | 484  | 1,192                      | 0   |   |  |   |
| Total                 | 5,054  | 3,909  | 5,019                      | 10,282                                    | £183.23                                 | 4,173  | 1,768   |

# Warrants and Security Deposits Jan-Mar 2003

| Electricity           | Number of<br>customers<br>disconnected on<br>a warrant visit | Number of<br>prepayment<br>meters<br>installed on a<br>warrant visit | Number of forcible entries | Number of<br>security<br>deposits<br>held | Average value of security deposits held | Security<br>deposits<br>held for<br>more than<br>12 months | Number of<br>security<br>deposits<br>received from<br>customers |
|-----------------------|--|--|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Amerada               |  |  |                            |   |   |  |   |
| Atlantic              | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| British Gas           | 65   | 1,693  | 799                        | 2,250                                     | £107.56                                 | 292  | 511   |
| LE Group              | 88   | 553  | 1                          | 213                                       | £108.17                                 | 199  | 5   |
| npower                | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 170                                       | £119.00                                 | 0  | 7   |
| npower Northern       | 2  | 272  | 1                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| npower Yorkshire      | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| Powergen              | 43   | 189  | 169                        | 103                                       | £118.00                                 | 103  | 0   |
| Scottish and Southern | 65   | 402  | 86                         | 112                                       | £115.00                                 | 90   | 14  |
| Scottish Power        | 115  | 263  | 102                        | 277                                       | £194.00                                 | 273  | 0   |
| Seeboard              | 19   | 316  | 110                        | 4   | £131.25                                 | 0  | 1   |
| Telecom Plus          | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| TXU Energi            | 96   | 966  | 1,062                      | 0   |   |  |   |
| Utility Link          | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| Total                 | 493  | 4,654  | 2,330                      | 3,129                                     | £116.52                                 | 957  | 538   |

| Gas                   | Number of<br>customers<br>disconnected on<br>a warrant visit | Number of<br>prepayment<br>meters<br>installed on a<br>warrant visit | Number of forcible entries | Number of<br>security<br>deposits<br>held | Average value of security deposits held | Security<br>deposits<br>held for<br>more than<br>12 months | Number of<br>security<br>deposits<br>received from<br>customers |
|-----------------------|--|--|----------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Amerada               |  |  |                            |   |   |  |   |
| Atlantic              | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| British Gas           | 3,784  | 2,653  | 3,577                      | 10,279                                    | £183.26                                 | 4,172  | 1,767   |
| Countrywide Gas       | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| LE Group              | 165  | 121  | 5                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| npower                | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| npower Northern       | 2  | 183  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| npower Yorkshire      | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| Powergen              | 36   | 76   | 67                         | 0   |   |  |   |
| Scottish and Southern | 74   | 137  | 103                        | 3   | £74.00                                  | 1  | 1   |
| Scottish Power        | 81   | 114  | 14                         | 0   |   |  |   |
| Seeboard Energy       | 204  | 141  | 61                         | 0   |   |  |   |
| Telecom Plus          | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   |   |  |   |
| TXU Energi            | 708  | 484  | 1,192                      | 0   |   |  |   |
| Total                 | 5,054  | 3,909  | 5,019                      | 10,282                                    | £183.23                                 | 4,173  | 1,768   |

## Prepayment Meters Jan-Mar 2003

| Electricity           | Number of<br>prepayment<br>meters<br>installed this<br>quarter | PPMs installed<br>this quarter,<br>requested by<br>customers<br>without a debt | Number of<br>prepayment<br>meters installed<br>this quarter to<br>recover debt | Number of<br>prepayment<br>customers<br>changing to<br>credit terms<br>this quarter | PPM customers not in debt that had request for credit terms refused this quarter | PPMs installed<br>this quarter<br>where customer<br>lives more than 2<br>miles from<br>charging point |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| Amerada               |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| Atlantic              | 52   | 40   | 12   | 19  | 0  | 0   |
| British Gas           | 8,124  | 900  | 7,224  | 2,533   | 1,961  | 0   |
| LE Group              | 16,917   | 12,394   | 4,523  | 1,104   | 0  | 0   |
| npower                | 4,220  | 3,467  | 753  | 6,822   | 0  | 0   |
| npower Northern       | 5,255  | 2,980  | 2,275  | 1,066   | 0  | 4   |
| npower Yorkshire      | 2,228  | 565  | 1,663  | 3,103   | 0  | 0   |
| Powergen              | 2,553  | 1,485  | 1,068  | 4,214   | 0  | 0   |
| Scottish and Southern | 20,445   | 16,409   | 4,036  | 10,753  | 0  | 0   |
| Scottish Power        | 55,897   | 40,295   | 15,602   | 32,884  | 0  | 0   |
| Seeboard              | 5,119  | 3,654  | 1,465  | 1,543   | 0  | 0   |
| Telecom Plus          | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| TXU Energi            | 4,001  | 1,788  | 2,213  | 8,042   | 0  | 0   |
| Utility Link          | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| Total                 | 124,811  | 83,977   | 40,834   | 72,083  | 1,961  | 4   |

| Gas                   | Number of<br>prepayment<br>meters<br>installed this<br>quarter | PPMs installed<br>this quarter,<br>requested by<br>customers<br>without a debt | Number of<br>prepayment<br>meters installed<br>this quarter to<br>recover debt | Number of<br>prepayment<br>customers<br>changing to<br>credit terms<br>this quarter | PPM customers not in debt that had request for credit terms refused this quarter | PPMs installed<br>this quarter<br>where customer<br>lives more than 2<br>miles from<br>charging point |
|-----------------------|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| Amerada               |  |  |  |   |  |   |
| Atlantic              | 22   | 19   | 3  | 7   | 0  | 0   |
| British Gas           | 22,742   | 5,467  | 17,275   | 8,687   | 3,940  | 0   |
| Countrywide Gas       | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| LE Group              | 756  | 466  | 290  | 411   | 0  | 0   |
| npower                | 5,401  | 4,584  | 817  | 2,237   | 0  | 0   |
| npower Northern       | 1,820  | 403  | 1,417  | 678   | 0  | 6   |
| npower Yorkshire      | 1,282  | 526  | 756  | 922   | 0  | 0   |
| Powergen              | 2,977  | 854  | 2,123  | 1,838   | 0  | 0   |
| Scottish and Southern | 11,846   | 9,713  | 2,133  | 5,923   | 0  | 0   |
| Scottish Power        | 11,058   | 9,535  | 1,523  | 173   | 0  | 0   |
| Seeboard Energy       | 1,427  | 0  | 1,427  | 699   | 0  | 0   |
| Telecom Plus          | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0   |
| TXU Energi            | 734  | 34   | 700  | 1,540   | 0  | 0   |
| Total                 | 60,066   | 31,601   | 28,465   | 23,115  | 3,940  | 6   |

## Priority Services Jan-Mar 2003

|                       | Number of<br>customers on<br>Priority<br>Services<br>Register (GAS) | Number of<br>customers<br>joining the<br>Priority<br>Services<br>Register this<br>quarter (GAS) | Free gas safety<br>checks carried<br>out this quarter | Priority | Number of<br>customers<br>joining the<br>Priority Services<br>Register this<br>quarter (ELEC) |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|----------|---|
| Amerada               |   |   |   |          |   |
| Atlantic              | 17  | 9   | 0   | 92       | 12  |
| British Gas           | 535,086   | 2,293   | 8,525   | 217,083  | 12,422  |
| Countrywide Gas       | 119   | 0   | 0   | n/a      | n/a   |
| LE Group              | 9,768   | 1,079   | 51  | 93,072   | 5,462   |
| npower                | 5,659   | 291   | 96  | 11,111   | 411   |
| npower Northern       | 3,704   | 163   | 110   | 4,915    | 221   |
| npower Yorkshire      | elec  | elec  | 126   | 8,733    | 75  |
| Powergen              | 45,688  | 0   | 444   | 27,926   | 419   |
| Scottish and Southern | 33,508  | 4,549   | 347   | 78,615   | 7,566   |
| Scottish Power        | 15,622  | 0   | 2,202   | 34,636   | 0   |
| Seeboard Energy       | 8,721   | 130   | 376   | 81,036   | 1,940   |
| Telecom Plus          | 22  | 0   | 0   | 0        | 0   |
| TXU Energi            | 17,870  | 122   | 272   | 19,167   | 171   |
| Utility Link          | n/a   | n/a   | n/a   | 71       | 0   |
| Total                 | 675,784   | 8,636   | 12,549  | 576,457  | 28,699  |

## Uptake of Priority Services Jan-Mar 2003

| Electricity           | Talking<br>bills | Braille /<br>large print<br>bills | Password<br>schemes | Third party<br>billing/bill<br>re-direction | Quarterly<br>reads | Meters<br>repositioned /<br>replaced free of<br>charge | Special<br>controls /<br>adapters<br>provided free<br>of charge | Minicom /<br>textphone |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------------|--|---|------------------------|
| Amerada               |                  |                                   |                     |   |                    |  |   |                        |
| Atlantic              | 0                | 2                                 | 3                   | 0   | 0                  | 1  | 0   | 0                      |
| British Gas           | 254              | 2,964                             | 11,368              | 5,425                                       | 7,134              | 15   | gas   | gas                    |
| LE Group              | 134              | 3,493                             | 12,704              | 5,966                                       | 0                  | 26   | 1,397   | 22                     |
| npower                | 53               | 743                               | 4,443               | 375   | 276                | 7  | 22  | 8                      |
| npower Northern       | 6                | 162                               | 865                 | 198   | 0                  | 21   | 5   | 24                     |
| npower Yorkshire      | 36               | 22                                | 2,792               | 77  | 0                  | 4  | 105   | 4                      |
| Powergen              | 32               | 618                               | 219                 | 4,673                                       | 229                | 0  | 0   | 11                     |
| Scottish and Southern | 191              | 3,107                             | 5,161               | 25  | 0                  | 11   | 6   | 218                    |
| Scottish Power        | 19               | 29                                | 2,501               | 28  | 141                | 16   | 0   | 0                      |
| Seeboard              | 71               | 813                               | 8,834               | 1,274                                       | 1,505              | 26   | 22  | 1,267                  |
| Telecom Plus          | 0                | 0                                 | 0                   | 0   | 0                  | 0  | 0   | 0                      |
| TXU Energi            | 0                | 0                                 | 11,898              | 7,813                                       | 1,480              | 10   | 0   | 0                      |
| Utility Link          | 1                | 0                                 | 33                  | 0   | 0                  | 0  | 0   | 0                      |
| Total                 | 797              | 11,953                            | 60,821              | 25,854                                      | 10,765             | 137  | 1,557   | 1,554                  |

| Gas                   | Talking<br>bills | Braille /<br>large print<br>bills | Password schemes | Third party<br>billing/bill<br>re-direction | Quarterly<br>reads | Meters<br>repositioned /<br>replaced free of<br>charge | Special<br>controls /<br>adapters<br>provided free<br>of charge | Minicom /<br>textphone |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---|--------------------|--|---|------------------------|
| Amerada               |                  |                                   |                  |   |                    |  |   |                        |
| Atlantic              | 0                | 2                                 | 3                | 0   | 0                  | 1  | 0   | 0                      |
| British Gas           | 997              | 11,293                            | 152,484          | 13,585                                      | 848                | 89   | 450   | 77                     |
| Countrywide Gas       | 0                | 0                                 | 22               | 0   | 0                  | 0  | 0   | 0                      |
| LE Group              | 30               | 83                                | 2,192            | 0   | 0                  | 0  | 0   | 0                      |
| npower                | 0                | 17                                | 2,541            | 50  | 56                 | 4  | 97  | 4                      |
| npower Northern       | 2                | 72                                | 210              | 93  | 0                  | 1  | 5   | 6                      |
| npower Yorkshire      | elec             | elec                              | elec             | elec  | elec               | elec   | elec  | elec                   |
| Powergen              | 6                | 82                                | 691              | 372   | 0                  | 0  | 8   | 6                      |
| Scottish and Southern | 80               | 1,001                             | 2,029            | 13  | 0                  | elec   | elec  | elec                   |
| Scottish Power        | 9                | 15                                | 792              | 7   | 43                 | 4  | 0   | 0                      |
| Seeboard Energy       | 13               | 409                               | 1,297            | 20  | 169                | 9  | 0   | 22                     |
| Telecom Plus          | 0                | 0                                 | 2                | 0   | 0                  | 0  | 0   | 0                      |
| TXU Energi            | 8                | 4                                 | 2,999            | 3,975                                       | 296                | 3  | 5   | 3                      |
| Total                 | 1,145            | 12,978                            | 165,262          | 18,115                                      | 1,412              | 111  | 565   | 118                    |

## Energy Efficiency Advice (Dual Fuel) Jan-Mar 2003

| Dual Fuel             | Customers<br>provided with<br>energy<br>efficiency<br>advice | Advice<br>about<br>insulation | Advice about<br>new<br>appliances | Advice<br>about<br>usage | Advice<br>about<br>grants | Other<br>advice | Energy<br>efficiency<br>codes of<br>practice<br>distributed | Number of<br>customers in<br>debt provided<br>with energy<br>efficiency<br>information | Number of fuel<br>direct<br>customers<br>provided with<br>energy<br>efficiency<br>information | PSR<br>customers | Referrals to<br>Warm Front<br>and EEC<br>contacts |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---|--|---|------------------|---|
| Amerada               |  |                               |                                   |                          |                           |                 |   |  |   |                  |   |
| Atlantic              | 49   | 1                             | 1                                 | 4                        | 1                         | 42              | 19  | 0  | 0   | 0                | 1   |
| British Gas           | 7,443  | 2,914                         | 961                               | 5,720                    | 1,530                     | 1,452           | 6,682   | 44,826   | 4   | 120              | 1,208   |
| Countrywide Gas       | 4  | 0                             | 0                                 | 0                        | 0                         | 4               | 4   | 4  | 0   | 0                | 0   |
| LE Group              | 6,337  | 606                           | 885                               | 2,503                    | 447                       | 1,482           | 910   | 30   | 0   | 12               | 414   |
| npower Group          | 3,253  | 218                           | 376                               | 1,501                    | 252                       | 3,250           | 880   | 21   | 14  | 23               | 54  |
| Powergen              | 4,895  | 1,416                         | 326                               | 1,303                    | 669                       | 4,689           | 1,545   | 172  | 2   | 32               | 130   |
| Scottish and Southern | 4,538  | 1,260                         | 242                               | 1,175                    | 116                       | 1,745           | 215   | 49   | 0   | 113              | 91  |
| Scottish Power        | 1,644  | 1,018                         | 695                               | 0                        | 667                       | 446             | 932   | 0  | 0   | 290              | 247   |
| Seeboard Energy       | 5,155  | 1,267                         | 265                               | 1,023                    | 1,387                     | 1,213           | 3,967   | 42   | 52  | 128              | 12  |
| Telecom Plus          | 1  | 1                             | 0                                 | 1                        | 0                         | 1               | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0                | 0   |
| TXU Energi            | 3,695  | 153                           | 130                               | 399                      | 192                       | 3,091           | 1,000   | 1,046  | 2   | 2                | 559   |
| Utility Link          | 0  | 0                             | 0                                 | 0                        | 0                         | 0               | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0                | 0   |
| Total                 | 37,014   | 8,854                         | 3,881                             | 13,629                   | 5,261                     | 17,415          | 16,154  | 46,190   | 74  | 720              | 2,716   |

## Regional payment methods March 2003

| Electricity<br>Payment<br>Methods | Quarterly<br>cash/cheque | Monthly<br>direct debit | Weekly,<br>Fortnightly or<br>Flexible<br>payment<br>scheme | Prepayment<br>meter | Fuel Direct | Other   | Total      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| England                           | 8,940,248                | 7,962,694               | 510,290  | 2,863,967           | 10,460      | 742,102 | 21,029,761 |
|                                   | 43%                      | 38%                     | 2%   | 14%                 | 0%          | 4%      | 100%       |
| Scotland                          | 822,105                  | 799,978                 | 139,355  | 477,780             | 8,151       | 107,549 | 2,354,918  |
|                                   | 35%                      | 34%                     | 6%   | 20%                 | 0%          | 5%      | 100%       |
| Wales                             | 519,789                  | 452,926                 | 36,381   | 239,228             | 895         | 25,345  | 1,274,564  |
|                                   | 41%                      | 36%                     | 3%   | 19%                 | 0%          | 2%      | 100%       |

| Gas Payment<br>Methods | Quarterly<br>cash/cheque | Monthly<br>direct debit | Weekly,<br>Fortnightly or<br>Flexible<br>payment<br>scheme | Prepayment<br>meter | Fuel Direct | Other   | Total      |
|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------|---------|------------|
| England                | 7,035,014                | 7,556,136               | 611,007  | 1,696,106           | 23,067      | 713,469 | 17,634,799 |
|                        | 40%                      | 43%                     | 3%   | 10%                 | 0%          | 4%      | 100%       |
| Scotland               | 562,837                  | 717,728                 | 155,418  | 154,942             | 5,795       | 63,193  | 1,659,913  |
|                        | 34%                      | 43%                     | 9%   | 9%                  | 0%          | 4%      | 100%       |
| Wales                  | 374,453                  | 399,923                 | 41,084   | 126,891             | 1,532       | 36,058  | 979,941    |
|                        | 38%                      | 41%                     | 4%   | 13%                 | 0%          | 4%      | 100%       |

### Regional Headlines Jan-Mar 2003

| Electricity<br>Headlines | Number of customers in debt | Number of ppm<br>customers in debt | Number of disconnections for debt | Number of<br>disconnections<br>for theft (non-<br>ppm) | Number of<br>disconnections<br>for theft (ppm) | Number of customers on PSR | Energy<br>efficiency<br>advice* |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| England                  | 816,547                     | 321,425                            | 371                               | 57   | 364  | 503,939                    | 33,082                          |
| Scotland                 | 308,204                     | 80,568                             | 120                               | 5  | 83   | 53,497                     | 1,579                           |
| Wales                    | 73,816                      | 20,178                             | 34                                | 5  | 74   | 19,021                     | 2,353                           |
| Great Britain            | 1,198,567                   | 422,171                            | 525                               | 67   | 521  | 576,457                    | 37,014                          |

| Gas<br>Headlines | Number of customers in debt | Number of ppm<br>customers in debt | Number of disconnections for debt | Number of<br>disconnections<br>for theft (non-<br>ppm) | Number of<br>disconnections<br>for theft (ppm) | Number of<br>customers on PSR | Number of<br>free gas<br>safety checks |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|--|
| England          | 1,054,556                   | 672,721                            | 4,801                             | 46   | 80   | 524,468                       | 8,975                                  |
| Scotland         | 168,734                     | 61,352                             | 45                                | 2  | 4  | 79,892                        | 2,333                                  |
| Wales            | 65,587                      | 46,797                             | 248                               | 0  | 2  | 71,424                        | 1,241                                  |
| Great Britain    | 1,288,877                   | 780,870                            | 5,094                             | 48   | 86   | 675,784                       | 12,549                                 |

<sup>\*</sup> Energy efficiency figures are dual fuel