

Monitoring company performance – quarterly reporting

Ofgem monitors the performance of domestic suppliers in relation to payment methods, debt and disconnections. Information is collected from suppliers on a quarterly and annual basis and the data received from suppliers is set out in tables and published on the Ofgem website.

The published data should be read in conjunction with the accompanying guidance notes which contains definitions on the data collected. The guidance is available on the Ofgem website at the link below:

http://www.ofgem.gov.uk/temp/ofgem/cache/cmsattach/15026_guidancerevision1.pdf?wtfrom=/ofgem/work/index.jsp§ion=/areasofwork/socialactionplan

You may notice that a data field is left blank. This indicates that the supplier was unable to provide the required data for that specific reporting period.

For the reconnections table, suppliers will only be shown if they have disconnected customers in the relevant reporting period.

**Payment Methods
March 2006**

Electricity	Monthly direct debit	Prepayment meter	Quarterly cash / cheque	Fuel Direct	Budgeting payment schemes	Other	Total
British Gas	44.4%	18.1%	32.2%	0.1%	3.5%	1.8%	100.0%
Ecotricity	43.4%	0.0%	48.7%	0.0%	0.0%	7.9%	100.0%
EDF Energy	35.9%	16.0%	44.0%	0.1%	0.6%	3.4%	100.0%
Good Energy	37.8%	1.5%	55.3%	0.0%	0.0%	5.4%	100.0%
npower	49.7%	12.4%	33.8%	0.1%	1.3%	2.7%	100.0%
npower Northern	23.1%	14.6%	56.5%	0.1%	2.9%	2.8%	100.0%
npower Yorkshire	35.8%	12.1%	50.3%	0.2%	0.3%	1.3%	100.0%
Powergen	45.1%	9.3%	39.6%	0.0%	3.8%	2.2%	100.0%
Scottish and Southern	47.3%	13.1%	34.7%	0.1%	2.3%	2.6%	100.0%
Scottish Power	50.0%	13.8%	30.3%	0.2%	3.4%	2.3%	100.0%
Telecom Plus	96.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%	100.0%
Industry	44.4%	13.9%	36.6%	0.1%	2.6%	2.4%	100.0%

Gas	Monthly direct debit	Prepayment meter	Quarterly cash / cheque	Fuel Direct	Budgeting payment schemes	Other	Total
British Gas	40.2%	13.3%	39.3%	0.1%	3.7%	3.4%	100.0%
Countrywide Gas	56.5%	0.5%	42.7%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%
EDF Energy	49.4%	12.7%	35.1%	0.1%	0.7%	2.1%	100.0%
npower	58.5%	8.8%	26.8%	0.2%	5.1%	0.7%	100.0%
npower Northern	48.1%	18.8%	20.9%	0.3%	6.2%	5.8%	100.0%
npower Yorkshire	49.1%	9.3%	31.7%	0.3%	5.1%	4.4%	100.0%
Powergen	56.7%	5.3%	31.4%	0.0%	5.3%	1.2%	100.0%
Scottish and Southern	58.1%	7.6%	29.9%	0.1%	2.9%	1.4%	100.0%
Scottish Power	64.7%	6.2%	25.0%	0.1%	3.3%	0.8%	100.0%
Telecom Plus	96.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%	100.0%
Industry	48.6%	10.7%	34.4%	0.1%	3.7%	2.5%	100.0%

**Debt by Quarter
March 2006**

Electricity	Number of credit customers repaying a debt (millions)	Number of PPM customers repaying a debt (millions)	Percentage of PPM customers in debt	Percentage of customers repaying a debt who owe under £100	Percentage of customers repaying a debt who owe between £100 - £300	Percentage of customers repaying a debt who owe between £300- £600	Percentage of customers repaying a debt who owe over £600	Average debt per customer
Q1 2005	0.7	0.4	11%	64%	21%	6%	7%	£170
Q2 2005	0.9	0.4	12%	63%	23%	6%	6%	£163
Q3 2005	0.8	0.5	14%	62%	23%	6%	7%	£170
Q4 2005	0.8	0.4	13%	62%	23%	6%	7%	£173
Q1 2006	0.8	0.5	13%	63%	23%	7%	7%	£182

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Q1 2005	0.5	0.5	25%	65%	21%	8%	6%	£150
Q2 2005	0.6	0.5	24%	61%	25%	8%	5%	£165
Q3 2005	0.5	0.5	23%	59%	27%	9%	5%	£169
Q4 2005	0.5	0.5	23%	60%	25%	9%	6%	£180
Q1 2006	0.6	0.5	21%	63%	23%	8%	5%	£170

**Debt Repayment
January - March 2006**

Electricity	Average weekly amount towards debt (non-PPM)	Average number of weeks to recover debt (non-PPM)	Average weekly amount towards debt (PPM)	Average number of weeks to recover debt (PPM)
British Gas	£3.26	48	£5.67	54
Ecotricity	£11.00	22	£0.00	0
EDF Energy	£3.54	52	£3.57	52
Good Energy	£0.00	0	£15.00	52
npower	£2.95	21	£3.64	83
npower Northern	£6.54	35	£3.54	46
npower Yorkshire	£6.70	67	£4.25	52
Powergen	£4.59	42	£5.38	56
Scottish and Southern	£4.89	41	£6.14	41
Scottish Power	£2.25	54	£3.15	128
Telecom Plus	£7.00	37	£5.00	50
Total	£3.20	48	£4.91	63

Gas	Average weekly amount towards debt (non-PPM)	Average number of weeks to recover debt (non-PPM)	Average weekly amount towards debt (PPM)	Average number of weeks to recover debt (PPM)
British Gas	£3.48	45	£6.40	48
Countrywide Gas	£12.50	44	£0.00	0
EDF Energy	£3.01	52	£7.10	97
npower	£5.46	30	£4.27	67
npower Northern	£6.13	34	£4.02	118
npower Yorkshire	£8.41	47	£2.52	
Powergen	£3.45	52	£6.32	77
Scottish and Southern	£4.29	42	£5.64	50
Scottish Power	£2.26	54	£6.32	8
Telecom Plus	£5.37	39	£5.00	82
Total	£3.30	47	£6.11	53

**Prepayment Meters
January - March 2006**

Electricity	Number of PPMs installed this quarter	Number of PPMs installed this quarter to recover debt	PPMs installed this quarter, requested by customers without a debt
British Gas	9,318	7,482	1,836
Ecotricity	0	0	0
EDF Energy	5,444	4,197	1,247
Good Energy	1	1	0
npower	5,166	2,619	2,547
npower Northern	2,555	735	1,820
npower Yorkshire	392	98	294
Powergen	18,988	8,519	10,469
Scottish and Southern	7,085	5,765	1,320
Scottish Power	4,443	3,790	653
Telecom Plus	4	3	1
Total	53,396	33,209	20,187

Gas	Number of PPMs installed this quarter	Number of PPMs installed this quarter to recover debt	PPMs installed this quarter, requested by customers without a debt
British Gas	31,285	22,666	8,619
Countrywide Gas	0	0	0
EDF Energy	2,941	1,955	986
npower	5,521	2,513	3,008
npower Northern	958	882	76
npower Yorkshire	495	444	51
Powergen	12,759	2,719	10,040
Scottish and Southern	3,806	3,762	44
Scottish Power	3,128	2,802	326
Telecom Plus	9	3	6
Total	60,902	37,746	23,156

**Disconnections for Debt
January - March 2006**

Electricity	Number of customers disconnected for debt this quarter	Number of customers reconnected this quarter (from those disconnected this quarter)	Number of customers not yet reconnected (who were disconnected this quarter)	Average period of disconnection in days (for those disconnected this quarter)
British Gas	0	0	0	0
Ecotricity	0	0	0	0
EDF Energy	45	17	28	9
Good Energy	0	0	0	0
npower	13	2	11	8
npower Northern	6	6	0	15
npower Yorkshire	4	3	1	2
Powergen	107	39	68	11
Scottish and Southern	11	6	5	10
Scottish Power	2	2	0	4
Telecom Plus	0	0	0	0
Total	188	75	113	10

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British Gas	0	0	0	0
Countrywide Gas	0	0	0	0
EDF Energy	81	53	28	7
npower	298	298	0	8
npower Northern	9	8	1	13
npower Yorkshire	20	14	6	7
Powergen	194	91	103	11
Scottish and Southern	78	37	41	8
Scottish Power	12	12	0	6
Telecom Plus	0	0	0	0
Total	692	513	179	8

**Percentage of Customers Reconnected following Disconnection for Debt
January - March 2006**

Electricity	24 hours	7 days	1 month	1 quarter
EDF Energy	4%	22%	36%	38%
npower	8%	8%	15%	15%
npower Northern	33%	67%	83%	100%
npower Yorkshire	75%	75%	75%	75%
Powergen	2%	28%	35%	36%
Scottish and Southern	9%	36%	45%	55%
Scottish Power	0%	100%	100%	100%
Total	6%	29%	37%	40%

Gas	24 hours	7 days	1 month	1 quarter
EDF Energy	0%	42%	65%	65%
npower	19%	67%	99%	100%
npower Northern	0%	44%	78%	89%
npower Yorkshire	10%	50%	70%	70%
Powergen	1%	32%	45%	47%
Scottish and Southern	1%	35%	46%	47%
Scottish Power	0%	75%	100%	100%
Total	9%	50%	73%	74%

**Regional Payment Methods
March 2006**

Electricity Payment Methods	Monthly direct debit	Prepayment meter	Quarterly cash / cheque	Fuel Direct	Budgeting payment schemes	Other	Total
England	9,624,508	2,838,218	8,058,889	14,426	505,567	515,242	21,556,850
	45%	13%	37%	0%	2%	2%	100%
Scotland	1,077,890	457,934	787,984	6,441	115,414	74,554	2,520,217
	43%	18%	31%	0%	5%	3%	100%
Wales	592,366	226,941	461,225	945	48,690	17,971	1,348,138
	44%	17%	34%	0%	4%	1%	100%

Gas Payment Methods	Monthly direct debit	Prepayment meter	Quarterly cash / cheque	Fuel Direct	Budgeting payment schemes	Other	Total
England	8,855,553	1,919,805	6,276,877	19,435	613,671	444,173	18,129,514
	49%	11%	35%	0%	3%	2%	100%
Scotland	938,419	193,307	610,484	5,496	123,356	54,201	1,925,263
	49%	10%	32%	0%	6%	3%	100%
Wales	444,431	140,717	360,384	1,535	50,570	23,265	1,020,902
	44%	14%	35%	0%	5%	2%	100%

Regional Headlines (Quarterly)
March 2006

Electricity Headlines	Number of customers in debt	Number of PPM customers in debt	Number of disconnections for debt
England	994,277	354,325	168
Scotland	217,237	80,369	3
Wales	50,796	19,468	17
Great Britain	1,262,310	454,162	188

Gas Headlines	Number of customers in debt	Number of PPM customers in debt	Number of disconnections for debt
England	872,375	414,043	628
Scotland	123,501	37,971	20
Wales	48,739	25,152	44
Great Britain	1,044,615	477,166	692