Monitoring company performance – quarterly reporting

Ofgem monitors the performance of domestic suppliers in relation to debt, disconnection, prepayment meters and help for customers in vulnerable positions. Information is collected from suppliers on a quarterly and annual basis and the data received is set out in the tables that follow 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:

Social Obligations Reporting Guidance Notes

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 2013

Electricity	Monthly direct debit	Prepayment meter	Quarterly cash / cheque	Fuel Direct	Budgeting payment schemes	Other	Total
Axis Telecom	98.5%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
British Gas	50.0%	20.1%	23.8%	0.3%	3.2%	2.6%	100.0%
Co-operative Energy	80.6%	0.0%	19.1%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%
E.ON	52.0%	15.9%	28.0%	0.1%	1.4%	2.5%	100.0%
economyenergy	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Ecotricity	50.1%	1.9%	34.3%	0.0%	0.1%	13.6%	100.0%
EDF Energy	54.9%	15.3%	22.5%	0.1%	2.7%	4.5%	100.0%
First Utility	93.5%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.5%	100.0%
Flow Energy	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Good Energy	48.0%	0.1%	34.3%	0.0%	0.0%	17.5%	100.0%
Green Energy	56.3%	0.7%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	41.4%	100.0%
isupply	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
LoCO2 Energy	97.2%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	100.0%
npower	57.3%	12.8%	23.9%	0.1%	1.2%	4.7%	100.0%
Ovo Energy	95.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.7%	100.0%
Pioneerenergy	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Scottish and Southern	53.1%	14.6%	25.6%	0.1%	1.0%	5.6%	100.0%
Scottish Power	66.2%	16.0%	11.9%	0.2%	4.7%	1.1%	100.0%
Spark Energy	53.5%	19.6%	26.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	100.0%
Utilita	1.3%	96.9%	1.8%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	100.0%
Utility Warehouse	89.9%	5.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	4.7%	100.0%
Industry	55.4%	16.0%	22.6%	0.1%	2.3%	3.6%	100.0%

Gas	Monthly direct debit	Prepayment meter	Quarterly cash / cheque	Fuel Direct	Budgeting payment schemes	Other	Total
Axis Telecom	96.5%	0.0%	3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Better Energy	85.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	13.5%	100.0%
British Gas	47.0%	15.3%	30.5%	0.3%	4.1%	2.8%	100.0%
Co-operative Energy	81.9%	0.0%	17.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	100.0%
Dali Gas	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
E.ON	58.2%	16.8%	21.3%	0.1%	1.6%	1.9%	100.0%
economyenergy	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Ecotricity	58.0%	1.4%	28.7%	0.0%	0.1%	11.9%	100.0%
EDF Energy	64.9%	13.1%	15.5%	0.1%	3.0%	3.4%	100.0%
First Utility	94.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.9%	100.0%
Flow Energy	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Good Energy	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
npower	65.3%	12.4%	17.4%	0.1%	0.9%	3.8%	100.0%
Ovo Energy	95.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	100.0%
Pioneerenergy	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Scottish and Southern	58.5%	12.1%	22.5%	0.1%	1.3%	5.5%	100.0%
Scottish Power	74.8%	12.7%	7.8%	0.1%	4.0%	0.6%	100.0%
Spark Energy	56.1%	20.0%	23.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	100.0%
Utilita	1.7%	95.9%	2.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	100.0%
Utility Warehouse	90.6%	4.7%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	100.0%
Zog Energy	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Industry	57.6%	14.0%	22.3%	0.2%	2.8%	3.1%	100.0%

Debt by Quarter March 2013

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 repaying a debt	Number of customers in arrears (millions)	Average debt per customer in arrears
Q1 2012	0.5	0.3	7%	41%	27%	15%	16%	£361	-	-
Q2 2012	0.6	0.3	7%	41%	28%	15%	16%	£373	-	-
Q3 2012	0.6	0.3	8%	42%	28%	15%	15%	£435	0.5	£440
Q4 2012	0.6	0.3	8%	44%	26%	15%	16%	£454	0.5	£439
Q1 2013	0.6	0.3	8%	42%	28%	16%	15%	£448	0.5	£433

Gas	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 repaying a debt	Number of customers in arrears (millions)	Average debt per customer in arrears
Q1 2012	0.4	0.3	11%	34%	32%	17%	17%	£381	-	-
Q2 2012	0.5	0.3	11%	33%	33%	18%	16%	£381	-	-
Q3 2012	0.5	0.3	10%	36%	32%	16%	16%	£464	0.4	£445
Q4 2012	0.5	0.3	11%	41%	27%	15%	17%	£468	0.4	£433
Q1 2013	0.6	0.3	11%	36%	31%	18%	15%	£477	0.4	£452

Debt Repayment January - March 2013

Electricity	Number of customers repaying a debt	Average weekly amount towards debt	Average number of weeks to recover debt (non-PPM)	Average weekly amount towards debt	Average number of weeks to recover debt (PPM)
Axis Telecom	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
British Gas	192,240	£7.68	45	£7.02	87
Co-operative Energy	19	£4.49	31	£0.00	0
E.ON	164,422	£4.97	61	£5.84	148
economyenergy	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
Ecotricity	553	£10.00	70	£7.00	183
EDF Energy	116,697	£6.23	57	£5.16	97
First Utility	813	£15.99	81	£18.96	52
Flow Energy	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
Good Energy	498	£14.03	22	£4.78	310
Green Energy	294	£7.43	43	£7.50	233
isupply	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
LoCO2 Energy	14	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
npower	90,398	£5.36	66	£6.63	117
Ovo Energy	4,476	£15.85	69	£13.50	199
Pioneerenergy	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
Scottish and Southern	135,315	£6.59	184	£5.24	118
Scottish Power	262,019	£5.25	57	£5.48	159
Spark Energy	5,930	£26.90	25	£8.00	123
Utilita	1,149	£63.25	75	£4.75	73
Utility Warehouse	7,026	£16.27	48	£11.42	65
Total	981,863	£6.45	69	£6.30	110

Gas	Number of customers repaying a debt	Average weekly amount towards debt	Average number of weeks to recover debt (non-PPM)	Average weekly amount towards debt	Average number of weeks to recover debt (PPM)
Axis Telecom	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
Better Energy	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
British Gas	263,409	£8.62	45	£7.31	95
Co-operative Energy	16	£4.04	34	£0.00	0
Dali Gas	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
E.ON	116,243	£4.57	59	£5.79	147
economyenergy	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
Ecotricity	121	£8.00	69	£5.00	177
EDF Energy	109,272	£5.84	55	£5.85	108
First Utility	691	£16.57	79	£24.21	42
Flow Energy	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
Good Energy	0				
npower	90,253	£5.45	63	£6.67	131
Ovo Energy	3,729	£16.01	70	£15.87	274
Pioneerenergy	0	£0.00	0	£0.00	0
Scottish and Southern	109,141	£7.16	166	£5.32	116
Scottish Power	182,696	£6.59	53	£4.65	159
Spark Energy	4,357	£31.76	22	£11.29	143
Utilita	592	£35.04	180	£4.79	73
Utility Warehouse	4,794	£13.95	46	£10.54	76
Zog Energy	0				
Total	885,314	£6.99	63	£6.71	110

Prepayment Meters January - March 2013

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
Axis Telecom	0	0	0
British Gas	23,169	21,299	1,870
Co-operative Energy	0	0	0
E.ON	10,668	7,546	3,122
economyenergy	0	0	0
Ecotricity	24	24	0
EDF Energy	4,893	3,870	1,023
First Utility	43	24	19
Flow Energy	0	0	0
Good Energy	13	13	0
Green Energy	19	0	19
isupply	0	0	0
LoCO2 Energy	0	0	0
npower	7,164	6,266	898
Ovo Energy	47	47	0
Pioneerenergy	0	0	0
Scottish and Southern	12,698	9,864	2,834
Scottish Power	3,630	3,433	197
Spark Energy	91	30	61
Utilita	5,736	204	5,532
Utility Warehouse	986	691	295
Total	69,181	53,311	15,870

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
Axis Telecom	0	0	0
Better Energy	0	0	0
British Gas	30,186	28,246	1,940
Co-operative Energy	0	0	0
Dali Gas	0	0	0
E.ON	6,294	4,724	1,570
economyenergy	0	0	0
Ecotricity	5	5	0
EDF Energy	3,456	2,677	779
First Utility	33	19	14
Flow Energy	0	0	0
Good Energy			0
npower	6,011	5,273	738
Ovo Energy	33	33	0
Pioneerenergy	0	0	0
Scottish and Southern	7,792	5,488	2,304
Scottish Power	2,875	2,708	167
Spark Energy	222	29	193
Utilita	5,245	39	5,206
Utility Warehouse	832	627	205
Zog Energy			0
Total	62,984	49,868	13,116

Disconnections for Debt January - March 2013

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)
Axis Telecom	0	0	0	0
British Gas	0	0	0	0
Co-operative Energy	0	0	0	0
E.ON	65	38	27	4
economyenergy	0	0	0	0
Ecotricity	2	2	0	1
EDF Energy	0	0	0	0
First Utility	0	0	0	0
Flow Energy	0	0	0	0
Good Energy	3	2	1	4
Green Energy	0	0	0	0
isupply	0	0	0	0
LoCO2 Energy	0	0	0	0
npower	0	0	0	0
Ovo Energy	0	0	0	0
Pioneerenergy	0	0	0	0
Scottish and Southern	0	0	0	0
Scottish Power	0	0	0	0
Spark Energy	0	0	0	0
Utilita	0	0	0	0
Utility Warehouse	0	0	0	0
Total	70	42	28	4

Gas	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)
Axis Telecom	0	0	0	0
Better Energy	0	0	0	0
British Gas	0	0	0	0
Co-operative Energy	0	0	0	0
Dali Gas	0	0	0	0
E.ON	9	5	4	7
economyenergy	0	0	0	0
Ecotricity	0	0	0	0
EDF Energy	0	0	0	0
First Utility	0	0	0	0
Flow Energy	0	0	0	0
Good Energy	0		0	
npower	0	0	0	0
Ovo Energy	0	0	0	0
Pioneerenergy	0	0	0	0
Scottish and Southern	0	0	0	0
Scottish Power	0	0	0	0
Spark Energy	0	0	0	0
Utilita	0	0	0	0
Utility Warehouse	0	0	0	0
Zog Energy	0		0	
Total	9	5	4	7

Percentage of Customers Reconnected following Disconnection for Debt January - March 2013

Electricity	24 hours	7 days	1 month	1 quarter
E.ON	20%	51%	58%	58%
Ecotricity	100%	100%	100%	100%
Good Energy	0%	33%	67%	67%
Total	21%	51%	60%	60%

Gas	24 hours	7 days	1 month	1 quarter
E.ON	0%	44%	56%	56%
Total	0%	44%	56%	56%

Payment Methods by Country March 2013

Electricity Payment Methods	Monthly direct debit	Prepayment meter	Quarterly cash / cheque	Fuel Direct	Budgeting payment schemes	Other	Total
England	12,719,396	3,483,288	5,282,475	31,674	467,324	838,040	22,822,197
	56%	15%	23%	0%	2%	4%	100%
Scotland	1,400,841	528,395	475,517	6,021	107,038	70,632	2,588,444
	54%	20%	18%	0%	4%	3%	100%
Wales	739,792	272,614	308,557	1,975	29,394	48,115	1,400,447
	53%	19%	22%	0%	2%	3%	100%

Gas Payment Methods	Monthly direct debit	Prepayment meter	Quarterly cash / cheque	Fuel Direct	Budgeting payment schemes	Other	Total
England	11,090,305	2,629,557	4,387,003	35,074	484,213	602,534	19,228,686
	58%	14%	23%	0%	3%	3%	100%
Scotland	1,161,847	300,733	356,495	6,350	104,053	41,280	1,970,758
	59%	15%	18%	0%	5%	2%	100%
Wales	617,425	200,055	239,208	2,397	30,179	37,634	1,126,898
	55%	18%	21%	0%	3%	3%	100%

Headlines by Country (Quarterly) March 2013

Electricity Headlines	Number of customers in debt	Number of PPM customers in debt	Number of disconnections for debt	Number of customers in arrears	
England	812,004	288,284	65	430,351	
Scotland	121,489	41,405	2	40,081	
Wales	48,370	17,945	3	25,470	
Great Britain	981,863	347,634	70	495,902	

Gas Headlines	Number of customers in debt	Number of PPM customers in debt	Number of disconnections for debt	Number of customers in arrears
England	751,091	274,980	8	351,948
Scotland	93,278	37,461	0	34,308
Wales	40,945	17,124	1	21,206
Great Britain	885,314	329,565	9	407,462