

Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together

Tariffs, Bills and Payments



So what is a Tariff ?



- A tariff tells you the **Price** your energy company is going to charge you for your gas and electricity
- The energy company may set the tariff in agreement with you



Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together



There are lots of different Tariffs

- There are lots of different tariffs so it's important to look round for the tariff that suits you best
- You can do this in lots of different ways, for example:



The internet

Telephone

TV advertisements

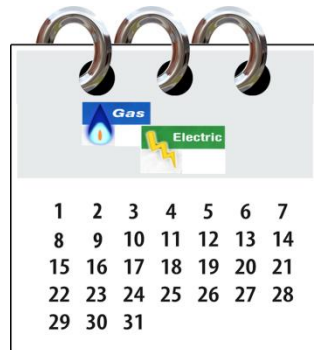
Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together

Fixed Price Tariff



- Fixed Price Tariff means that the **Price** you pay for electricity and gas will be fixed and stay the same for a period of time



- The period of time is usually 12 months, or sometimes it can be 18 months

Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together

Standard Variable Tariff



- Standard Variable (Price) Tariff means that the **Price** you pay for electricity and gas can go up and down at any time
- So the **Price** that you pay for your gas and electricity might go **Down**
- But you can't be sure that it won't go **Up**

Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together

Dual Fuel Tariff



- Whether you choose Fixed Price Tariff or Standard Variable Tariff you can often get a better deal if you have a Dual Fuel Tariff



- This simply means that you buy both gas and electricity from the same energy company

Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together

Your Energy Bills



- So the **Tariff** tells you the **Price** of the gas and electricity
- But the total **Bill**, how much you will have to pay to your energy company, also depends on how much gas and electricity you have used
- **Price + How much you use = Bill**



Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together



Let's look at some more tariffs

Pre-payment tariff

- With a Pre-Payment Meter you pay for your gas and electricity before you use it
- You have a monitor in your home to show you how much electricity and gas you are using each day
- When it is running low it will warn you



Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together



Pre-payment tariff

- Your energy company will give you a token, a prepayment key or a smart card.
- You can pay for your energy:
 - By mobile phone app
 - Online
 - Or take your pre-payment card to the shop or Post Office

Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together

Economy 7 and Economy 10 tariffs



- Economy 7 or Economy 10 tariffs can save you money if you have certain types of heating systems in your home



- These include storage heaters



- And under floor heating

Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together



Choosing a tariff



- As we have just seen, there are lots of different tariffs so it's important to look round for the tariff that suits you the best

Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together

Paying your energy bill



- Remember your total **Bill** is made up from the **Tariff** you choose and how much electricity and gas you use
- **Price + How much you use = Bill**

Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together



Paying your energy bill

There are lots of ways you can pay

- As we have seen earlier, with a Pre-Payment Meter you do not get a bill
- You pay for your gas and electricity before you use it
- Using a token, a prepayment key or a smart card.



Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together



Paying your energy bill

- Another good way to pay your energy bill is by **Direct Debit**
- Your energy company will work out how much you are likely to spend in total on gas and electricity
- You pay the bill one month at a time, the same amount each month from your bank



Prioritise Me

Understanding the Energy Market together



Paying your energy bill



- Both Pre-Payment Meter and Direct Debit are good ways to pay your energy bill



- Both methods can help you budget your money



- Choose the method that is best for you