



Our billing standards for SME and Micro-Business customers

We've worked with the Energy UK to develop a set of voluntary standards to help ensure more accurate bills for Micro-Business customers. These are defined as business customers who:

- consume less than 100,000kWh of electricity a year, or
- use less than 293,000kWh of gas each year, or
- have fewer than ten employees (or their full time equivalent) and an annual turnover of less than €2m

As part of our Reset Review, we've gone one step further than these requirements. We've extended the voluntary standards to SME customers of E.ON Energy Solutions Limited as well, so we can protect more business customers from inaccurate bills. We define small and medium enterprises (SME) as a customer who typically has:

- less than 20 sites and
- uses less than 1 GWh of electricity and/or
- less than 1.5 GWh of gas each year.

→ If you are moving in or out of premises, want to give us a meter reading, make a payment or have a query, call 0345 301 4881

How to ensure more accurate billing

We want to bill you as accurately as possible, and we always aim to base your bills on actual readings from your meter. Sometimes this is not always possible, so we'll estimate a reading on your bill based on previous usage. We will always explain on each bill whether the reading used is estimated or actual. How often we bill you will vary depending on how you choose to manage your account, your meter type and what was agreed in your terms and conditions.

Here's how you can help us ensure your bills are as accurate as possible:

✓ Allow us access to your meter

- We will attempt to read your meter at regular intervals and will make all reasonable attempt to read it at least once within every two years.
- If we are unable to get a meter reading, either from you or from one of our Meter Readers, we'll use an estimated reading.

✓ Contact us straight away if you move premises or change supplier

- When you move into new premises make sure you check how many meters there are at the property. Take readings from all the meters and provide them to your supplier as soon as possible.
- If we were your supplier at your old premises, call us with your final meter readings, we may continue to bill you until we receive these.
- Make sure you register your new contact details with us straight away, or you will enter into a "deemed" contract with the registered supplier at the new address. If you don't know who the supplier is, go to eonenergy.com/Determineyoursupplier
- Read any communication from your supplier even if it is addressed to the occupier.

✓ Contact us if you think you're paying an incorrect amount or have a query with your bill

If you have been paying for less energy than you have been using, we may back-bill you for the difference – for example if we have billed you based on incorrect information, or you have not told us that you have moved premises. We will always try to contact you prior to sending a back-bill. Our billing standards mean that you, the customer, can only be back-billed for up to one year, where we are at fault.

- We will always try to contact you before sending a back-bill or if we discover something unusual about your account.
- All factors such as the age of the bill, your payment history, the length of your contract and the circumstances that created the back-bill will be taken into account when agreeing any repayment terms.

Our billing standards do not change your responsibility to pay for the energy you use and to help us, your supplier, obtain meter readings or resolve queries.

What to do if you can't pay your bill

If you have a query about your bill, contact us and we will review it as soon as possible.

- If, for any reason, we don't receive payment from you for your bill we will send you a reminder.
- If you have trouble paying or are unable to pay, let us know; we will always aim to help you. We'll offer you a choice of payment options which may be influenced by your previous payment record and we can also guide you towards other organisations that could help.
- If you agree to a payment arrangement with us, it's important you keep to it to ensure you stay on supply.

Simple steps to help us get your bills right and avoid back-billing

- ✓ Allow us access to your meter
- ✓ Contact us straight away if you move premises or change supplier
- ✓ Contact us if you think you're paying an incorrect amount or have a query with your bill
- ✓ Contact us as soon as possible if you have any difficulty paying your bills; we will always try to help you out.

Do you have a complaint?

Contact us: we care about putting it right

Resolving your complaint

Phone **0345 3034060**, email via eonenergy.com/businesscontact, or write to **E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd, PO Box 2010, NG1 9GQ**.

We resolve most complaints immediately. If we can't, we'll connect you with our Resolutions Team. We aim to resolve eight out of ten complaints within two days.

Reviewing your complaint

If you aren't satisfied, we'll review your case and decide whether we should do anything differently.

Free of charge independent help

You can refer your complaint to the Ombudsman if we've not resolved your complaint within 8 weeks (or we've sent you a deadlock letter) and your business meets certain criteria, details of which can be found at eonenergy.com/ombudsman.

You can contact Ombudsman Services: Energy on **0330 4401624**, enquiries@os-energy.org or www.ombudsman-services.org/energy, PO Box 966, Warrington, WA4 9DF. Their decision is legally binding on us, not you.

Citizens Advice Consumer Service

For free, independent, confidential and impartial advice visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk/energy or call them on **0345 4040506**.

Useful contacts

If you are moving in or out of a premises, want to give us a meter reading, make a payment or have a query, call **0345 3014881**

To manage your account online visit: eonenergy.com/SMEregisteronline

For a guide to your bill, visit: eonenergy.com/UnderstandSMEBill

To find the current supplier to your premises, visit: eonenergy.com/Determineyoursupplier

For specialist debt advice and information, contact National Debtline on **0808 808 4000** or visit nationaldebtline.org

For impartial advice on how to save energy and money, call the Energy Saving Trust on **0300 1231234** and for Scotland **0808 8082282** or visit est.org.uk