

## Reductions in the average energy bills by supplier

Change in average retail bills: Jan-May 2009				
		Gas %	Electricity %	Dual Fuel %
<b>Standard Credit</b>	British gas	-9.4%	-9.3%	-9.5%
	E.ON	0.0%	-8.0%	-3.0%
	EDF	0.0%	-4.8%	-1.8%
	RWE Npower	0.0%	-7.2%	-2.7%
	Scottish Power	-0.8%	0.0%	-0.5%
	SSE*	-3.6%	-7.8%	-5.2%
	<b>Average</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>-6.2%</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>
<b>Direct Debit</b>	British gas	-8.4%	-10.2%	-9.1%
	E.ON	0.0%	-8.0%	-3.0%
	EDF	0.0%	-4.9%	-1.8%
	RWE Npower	0.0%	-7.5%	-3.0%
	Scottish Power	-5.8%	-1.6%	-4.4%
	SSE*	-3.4%	-7.8%	-5.1%
	<b>Average</b>	<b>-2.9%</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>
<b>Pre-Paid Meter</b>	British gas	-9.3%	-9.3%	-9.9%
	E.ON	0.0%	-8.0%	-3.0%
	EDF	0.0%	-4.8%	-4.5%
	RWE Npower	0.0%	-7.2%	-2.8%
	Scottish Power	-4.4%	-3.3%	-4.1%
	SSE*	-3.0%	-7.8%	-4.8%
	<b>Average</b>	<b>-2.8%</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>

\*Scottish and Southern Energy

All bills calculated are based on 3300kWh/yr of electricity and 20500kWh/yr of gas.

These reductions refer to customers who pay quarterly by cash, cheque or credit/debit card.

## Average reduction in bills this year

Weighted by market share:

Change in average retail bills weighted by market share: Jan-Apr 2009					
	Gas		Elec		Dual Fu
	£/customer/yr	%	£/customer/yr	%	£/customer/yr
<b>Standard Credit</b>	-41	-4.8%	-32	-6.8%	-70
<b>Direct Debit</b>	-38	-4.8%	-32	-7.2%	-69
<b>Pre-paid Meter</b>	-44	-5.1%	-34	-7.2%	-81

Notes: These figures are the averages of the bill of the 'big 6' retail energy suppliers. All bills calculated are based on annual consumption of 3300kWh of electricity and 20500kWh of gas. Standard Credit does not include discounts for paying promptly. The Gas/electricity market share weighting uses latest available data from February 2009. The figures for dual fuel market share weighting is based on the latest available data from December 2007. The data is based on the assumption that market share is constant across payment methods.

**In gas, the three suppliers which have reduced prices (British Gas, Scottish and Southern Energy and Scottish Power) together account for 68% of the gas market nationally. A comparison using straight-forward averages gives approximate reductions across the board but it underestimates the collective effect of these cuts. A comparison of averages weighted by market shares is a more accurate estimate.**

### Unweighted:

	Change in average retail bills: Jan-Apr 2009					
	Gas		Elec		Dual Fuel	
	£/customer/yr	%	£/customer/yr	%		£/customer/yr
<b>Standard Credit</b>	-20	-2.3%	-29	-6.2%	-49	
<b>Direct debit</b>	-24	-2.9%	-30	-6.7%	-54	
<b>Pre-Paid Meter</b>	-25	-2.8%	-32	-6.7%	-64	

Notes: These figures are the averages of the bills from the 'big six' retail energy suppliers. All bills calculated based on annual consumption of 3300kWh of electricity and 20500kWh of gas. Standard Credit does not include discounts for paying promptly.