

Updating you on our energy standards of service for Business Club Customers

We hope you find the following helpful. It covers important information about the gas and electricity supply service we provide to you and the levels of service provided by your gas and electricity Network Operators.

Contacting us

We maintain a call centre based in the United Kingdom which is staffed by our highly trained advisors five days a week. We aim to answer all calls promptly and to deal with your enquiry immediately. Simply dial **0344 815 0 506** to phone us, 0344 815 0 810 to fax us or 0333 003 5 643 to contact us by minicom. You can email us at businessclub@utilitywarehouse.co.uk, or you can write to us at Member Services, The Utility Warehouse, Network HQ, 508 Edgware Road, The Hyde, London, NW9 5AB.

Standards of service

We are required to tell you about the standards that relate to your local gas transporters and/or electricity distribution company. These standards cover supply interruptions, maintenance work etc.

Guaranteed Standards provided by your Gas Transporter (GT) e.g. National Grid or a former Transco Distribution Network*

Answering telephone calls

Telephone calls to the National Gas Emergency Service (which operates 24 hours a day), the general enquiry line and the meter point reference number helpline (during the hours which they operate) shall be answered within 30 seconds of the call being connected.

Notifying customers of planned supply interruptions

For planned interruptions to the gas supply the Gas Transporter (GT) will provide written notice to each customer at least five working days in advance. If you inform the GT of a failure to do this within three months you will receive a payment of £50 from the GT.

Responding to complaints

Where a GT receives a complaint in writing or over the phone relating to its transportation business and a response is required, the GT shall provide an oral or written response within ten working days of receipt. Where the response is not a substantive reply, the GT will provide a substantive reply within 20 working days of receipt. If the GT fails you will receive a payment of £20 plus £20 for each period of five days thereafter up to £100.

Responding to gas emergencies

Where a GT receives a report of a gas escape or other gas emergency, including a significant escape of carbon monoxide or other hazardous situations, it shall attend as quickly as possible within the following timescales:

a) All uncontrolled escapes/gas emergencies within 1 hour.

b) All controlled escapes/gas emergencies within 2 hours.

Overall Standards provided by your Gas Transporter*

Restoring your gas supply

If you are without gas for more than 24 hours you will receive £50. For every additional 24 hours that your gas supply is not available you will receive £50, up to a maximum of £1000.

Reinstating your premises

If your GT carries out work at your property, it will be put back to its original state within 5 working days. If it is not, you will receive £100. If the work is not completed you will receive a further £100 for each period of five working days after the initial 5 working day period.

New connections and alterations

There's a cap of £250 on the amount your GT has to pay for each single incident. Note that different standards apply to those supplies capable of delivering over 275kWh an hour.

New connections and alterations - response to land enquiries

On receipt of a land enquiry about a new connection or alteration your GT will respond within five working days. If they don't you'll receive £40 plus £40 for every working day until they respond up to a total of £250.

New connections and alterations - quotations

If you request a standard quotation from your GT for a new connection or an alteration to an existing connection up to and including a rate of flow of 275kWh, the GT will issue it within six working days. A non-standard quotation will be issued within 11 working days. If they don't you will receive a payment of £10 plus £10 for each succeeding working day up to the quotation sum or £250, whichever is lowest.

New connections and alterations - setting work dates

Once you accept a quote your GT will contact you to offer a work date within 20 working days. If they don't you'll receive £20 plus £20 for every working day until you receive a work date up to a total of £250.

Compensation payments

If a failure payment is automatically due, we or your GT will send this to you within 20 working days. If not you'll receive a further £20.

New connections and alterations - completion dates

Your GT will complete the work within the agreed work dates. If they don't you'll receive the following payments based on the quoted cost of the work:

Overall Standards provided by your Gas Transporter - 2016 / 2017

	Target	East of England	London	North West	West Midlands	Scotland	Southern	Wales and West	Northern
Answering emergency telephone calls Within 30 seconds	90%	93.04%	93.04%	93.04%	93.04%	93.04%	93.04%	93.04%	93.04%
Responding to gas emergencies									
Attend uncontrolled escapes within 1 hour	97%	97.86%	98.04%	98.49%	98.45%	98.47%	98.12%	98.45%	99.76%
Attend controlled escapes within 2 hours	97%	98.60%	98.65%	99.02%	99.11%	99.49%	99.23%	99.36%	99.97%

Quoted cost	Penalty	Cap
Up to and incl. £1K	£20	£200 or quoted cost if lower
Up to and incl. £4K	The lesser of £100 or 2.5% of contract sum	25% of contract sum
Up to and incl. £20K	£100	25% of contract sum
Up to and incl. £50K	£100	£5,000
Up to and incl. £100K	£150	£9,000

Please note, payments from your GT are made to the Utility Warehouse, who will then pass this payment to you as our customer.

Guaranteed Standards provided by your local electricity distribution company*

Service fuse failure

If your main fuse fails and you have reported it to your local distribution company between 7am – 7pm Monday to Friday they will visit you within three hours. If you report it between 9am – 5pm at weekends or on Bank Holidays they will visit within four hours. If they don't you will receive £30 from them.

Restoring your electricity supply during normal weather

If there is a fault in the distribution system and you are without power you can claim £150. For every additional 12-hour period that your supply is off you can claim £35.

Restoring your electricity supply during severe weather

If you are without power during severe weather due to a fault in the distribution system, it will be restored within a prescribed timescale, dependent upon the size of the event:

The length of time that applies depends on the size of the event and varies from at least 24 hours without supply to more than 48 hours. Where these periods apply, if the electricity distribution company fails you will receive £70. For every additional 12-hour period that your supply is off you can claim £70. The maximum payment is £700.

These payments will be made as soon as is reasonably practical.

Planned electricity supply interruption

If your electricity supply is interrupted for planned work you will get at least two days' notice. If you don't, or the work is carried out on a different day, you can claim £60. You must claim within one month.

Multiple supply interruptions

If your supply is interrupted for four or more periods, for a period of three hours each time, during a 12-month period from 1st April in any year, you can claim £75. You must claim within three months of the end of the 12-month period. You must provide the address of the premises affected and the dates of the electricity supply failures.

Voltage enquiries

If you tell your local distribution company about a problem with your supply voltage they must make an appointment to visit you within seven working days or explain the problem in writing within five working days. If they fail they will arrange for you to receive a £30 payment.

Making and keeping appointments

When your local electricity distribution company needs to visit your property you will be offered a timed appointment within a two hour time band. If they fail to make or keep an appointment you will receive £30.

Compensation payments

If your local distribution company fails to meet any of the guaranteed standards they will make a payment either directly to you or to your electricity supplier within 10 days of becoming aware of the failure. If not, you will receive a further £30. The exception to this is the "restoring your electricity supply during severe weather" standard whereby payment will be issued as soon as is reasonably practical.

In the event of a claim needing to be made please contact your local distribution company (number printed on your invoice).

*Exclusions apply to all standards. For example, you aren't entitled to receive compensation if the relevant company is prevented from meeting a Guaranteed Standard by severe weather, industrial action or a third party's action, or if you miss, postpone or cancel an agreed appointment.

Carbon Monoxide

What is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide is an odourless, invisible gas that can be given off by any appliance which burns a fossil fuel such as gas, coal, or oil. It can enter your home if your appliance is faulty or the room is not correctly ventilated, or the chimney or gas flue is blocked. Carbon monoxide is a dangerous gas which prevents the flow of oxygen through your blood stream. This can have seriously poisonous effects which can prove fatal. As it is a colourless gas and has no taste or smell, it is very difficult to detect.

How can it be prevented?

- Ensure your gas appliances are regularly checked for safety and serviced by a qualified Gas Safe registered engineer.
- If an appliance is unsafe and condemned for your safety, you should contact a Gas Safe registered engineer to repair or replace it.
- Ensure your home is correctly ventilated – never block vents or flues.

- Make sure all chimneys and flues are regularly swept and kept clear and clean.
- You can buy a carbon monoxide detector from some supermarkets and hardware stores. If you buy a detector, look for one which complies with EN50291, but never rely entirely on these devices.

What are the danger signs?

- Gas flames that burn orange or yellow instead of blue.
- Sooty stains on or just above appliances.
- Solid fuel appliances that burn slowly or go out.
- Carbon monoxide sometimes makes people feel ill – but this is not always the case.

IF YOU DEVELOP ANY OF THE FOLLOWING UNEXPLAINED SYMPTOMS - DROWSINESS, HEADACHES, CHEST PAINS, SUDDEN GIDDINESS WHEN STANDING UP, SICKNESS, DIARRHOEA AND STOMACH PAINS - SWITCH OFF YOUR APPLIANCES AND SEE A DOCTOR AT ONCE.

Electricity Plus Supply Ltd disclosure label

Electricity supplied has been sourced from the following fuels:

Coal	1.2%
Gas	90.10%
Nuclear	1%
Renewable	7.3%
Other	0.4%
Total	100%

Environmental impact:

CO2 emissions (weighted average)	337g per kWh
Radioactive waste	0.00007g per kWh

(relates to electricity supplied in period
1 April 2016 - 31 March 2017)

Gas Transporter Contact Numbers

Cadent

0845 835 1111
www.cadentgas.com

Scotia Gas Networks

0800 912 1700
www.sgn.co.uk

Northern Gas Networks

0800 040 7766
www.northerngasnetworks.co.uk

Wales & West Utilities

0800 912 2999
www.wwestutilities.co.uk