

Gas and Electricity (Consumer Complaints Handling Standards) Regulations 2008



July to September 2013 performance

In 2008, Ofgem introduced new complaint handling standards in line with the Gas and Electricity (Consumer Complaints Handling Standards) Regulations 2008.

The Utility Warehouse aims for the highest standards in customer service. However, there may be occasions when our customers may wish to complain (the industry regulator calls these “an expression of dissatisfaction”). Some examples of customer complaints could be:

- not understanding a letter we have sent to them
- asking for information on submitting a meter reading
- querying direct debit payments.

We aim to resolve any complaint to the customer’s full satisfaction the first time it is raised with us. Between 1 July 2013 and 30 September 2013, we received 7,808 expressions of dissatisfaction from our domestic customers, of which 6,927 (88.71%) were resolved within one working day and 881 (11.29%) could not be resolved on the same day or the next working day after being received.

Delays to complaint resolution generally occur when the complaint requires investigation in more detail or more information is required from another party in order to ensure that the complaint is dealt with to the standard that our customers expect.

Top reasons for customer complaints

- Billing 31.6%
- Prepayment meters 8.9%
- Metering 7.4%
- Transfer 6.7%
- Debt 6.4%

	No. of complaints opened	No. of complaints opened per 100,000 customers	No of complaints resolved	No of complaints resolved per 100,000 customers	% of complaints resolved <day+1	% of complaints resolved within eight weeks
July to September 2013	7,808	1,066	7,998	1,091	88.71%	97.5%

If you need to complain to the Utility Warehouse, you can find details of how to do so here: https://www.utilitywarehouse.co.uk/static/codes_of_practice