



November domestic tariff report | Scottish Energy News

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Overview

In this report, we illustrate the cheapest tariffs for November for various customer types in Scotland. Customer types are based on typical electricity and gas consumption values. The three main types of tariff are shown in the table below.

Details on each consumer type with connected gas and electricity use are also shown in the table below.

Tariff	Definition
Standard Variable Tariff (SVT)	A supply contract with an indefinite length, which has prices that can go up and down with the market.
Fixed Tariff	Offers guaranteed standing charges and unit rates, usually until a defined end date.
Pre-Payment Meter (PPM) Tariff	A tariff for customers with prepayment meters, which requires payment for energy in advance through 'topping-up' using prepay cards or a key. PPM tariffs can be fixed or variable.

Consumer type	Description	Annual consumption	
		Gas (kWh)	Electricity (kWh)
A	Smaller electricity heated	0	6,130
B	All other electricity heated		8,912
C	Smaller non-metered fuel-heated homes		3,383
D	All other non-metered fuel-heated homes		4,814
Dual fuel consumer types			
		Gas (kWh)	Electricity (kWh)
E	Single adults in social rented flats	10,592	2,640
F	Younger working families in medium-sized rented homes	13,595	3,491
G	"Average" mains gas-heated households	15,280	3,585

Last month's switching trends

Energy UK recorded 626,284 electricity switches in October 2019, down 1.1% compared to switches in October 2018. The total of number of switches in 2019 so far now sits at 5,367,738, up 9.2% from the same time last year, which Audrey Gallacher, Energy UK's director of policy, adding that "this month's figures show that consumers continue to take advantage of increased competition" with switching rates "on track to hit the 6 million mark this year".

Cheapest tariffs available during November

There are two electricity distribution regions in Scotland: Scottish Hydro (north) and ScottishPower (south). As a result, tariff prices differ between these two regions, with southern Scotland tending to have the cheaper deals for households, mostly due to lower network charges.

The average prices for the lowest cost SVT across all customer types for northern and southern Scotland were £948 and £867 respectively. Powershop provided the cheapest SVTs for consumer types A, B, F and G in the north, while Outfox the Market remained top for types C and E in the north and south and additional types F and G in the south. Green was cheapest tariff in the north for type D and in the south for types A, B and D.

The lowest average cost of fixed tariffs this month were £932 and £867 in northern and southern Scotland respectively. The cheapest deals in the north were provided by ScottishPower for types A-D, with E.ON and ScottishPower holding joint cheapest for consumer types E and F, and ScottishPower top for type G. Avro Energy and Outfox the Market was found the cheapest for all consumer types in the south with the exception of type E which would be on the cheapest tariff if it was to be supplied by Outfox the Market.

For PPM tariffs, the average price of the lowest cost deal across all customer types was £1,002 and £973 for northern and southern Scotland respectively. Bulb supplied the cheapest deals to all to customer types in the north and in the south.

Northern distribution region

Consumer type	Tariffs					
	Supplier	SVT	Supplier	Fixed	Supplier	PPM
A	Powershop	£958	Scottish Power	£940	Bulb	£958
B	Powershop	£1,356	Scottish Power	£1,341	Bulb	£1,349
C	Outfox the Market	£561	Scottish Power	£545	Bulb	£572
D	Green	£812	Scottish Power	£751	Bulb	£773
E	Outfox the Market	£820	E.ON and Scottish Power	£819	Bulb	£945
F	Powershop	£1,036	E.ON and Scottish Power	£1,031	Bulb	£1,171
G	Powershop	£1,095	Scottish Power	£1,095	Bulb	£1,244

Southern distribution region

Consumer type	Tariffs					
	Supplier	SVT	Supplier	Fixed	Supplier	PPM
A	Green	£834	Avro Energy and Outfox the Market	£865	Bulb	£918
B	Green	£1,187	Avro Energy and Outfox the Market	£1,232	Bulb	£1,290
C	Outfox the Market	£482	Avro Energy and Outfox the Market	£503	Bulb	£550
D	Green	£666	Avro Energy and Outfox the Market	£692	Bulb	£741
E	Outfox the Market	£755	Outfox the Market	£767	Bulb	£932
F	Outfox the Market	£961	Avro Energy and Outfox the Market	£975	Bulb	£1,153
G	Outfox the Market	£1,027	Avro Energy and Outfox the Market	£1,037	Bulb	£1,225

Tariff changes from last month

Mixed signals were observed in October's cheapest average tariffs (compared to September), with the largest change observed being in SVT prices as the North saw a 6.1% increase and the South experienced a 2.7% fall.

Both fixed and PPM customers saw a decrease in average tariff prices, with fixed customers experiencing a respective 0.8% and 0.1% drop in the north and south while PPM customers observed a northern 0.9% and southern 0.6% decrease.

Switching savings

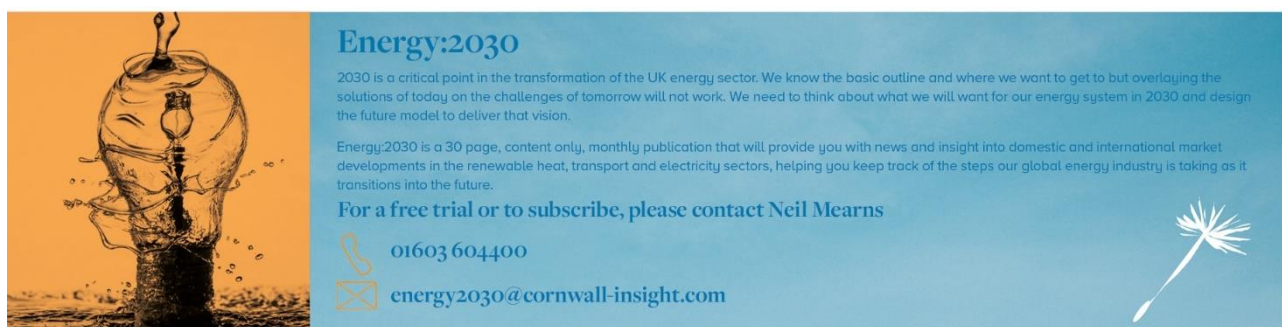
New-entry suppliers often enter the GB retail market with innovative and disruptive technology to attract customers away from the larger suppliers.

This month, Cornwall Insight has calculated the savings that an average customer switching supply from a Big Six supplier to one of the cheapest tariff suppliers would have made.

The annual potential savings are as follows:

- **SVT** customers switching could save **£234** and **£316** in the north and south of Scotland respectively
- **PPM** customers switching tariff could benefit from savings of **£198** in the north and **£205** in the south.
- **Fixed** tariff customer switching is usually rarer due to exit fees.

If switching in November, fixed tariff customers could make annual savings of **£100** in northern Scotland and **£129** in southern Scotland.



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