

metering & billing specialists

for communal & district heat networks

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I have worked with the team at Welcome Energy for a number of years now, and have always received excellent service. I find them to be extremely helpful and agile in the services they offer. We are really happy about the co-operation results.

Director Savills





I write with reference to Welcome Energy to recommend their services, for the installation and monitoring of communal heat meters in your upcoming tender process. We currently work with Welcome Energy across a number of our new developments and have a good working relationship.

We will be using their services in some of our other developments, where historically the implementation of metering and billing services has been challenging. In preparing to take this on, I can say that Welcome Energy have an engaging and flexible approach, which has been helpful in resolving many long-standing issues.

On a personal note, in my dealings with Welcome Energy, I have always been confident in their knowledge and judgment and have sought their unbiased input, even with regards to sites where they are not the primary service provider

Contract Services Manager One Housing





- Preferred billing agent for key Housing Associations across the UK
- > Fuel procurement
- Billing solution tailored to suit your project and requirements
- > Fully inclusive billing package with no hidden costs for the client
- **AMR Network** communications
- Monthly cash collected and full audit reports issued
- Your own Billing Account Manager for day to day communication

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Our clients and projects

- Refurbishment Projects
- Housing Associations
- Local Authorities
- Housing Developers
- Managing Agents

- Utility Companies
- Private Developments
- Social Housing
- Refurbishment Projects



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Billing services

| Service Options | Data only service | Proportional data service | Prepayment | Full credit billing & collection service |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|------------|--|
| Remote Meter Monitoring and data collection | V | V | V | V |
| Prepare, download & convert files ready for billing | / | / | V | V |
| Billing data to client in spread sheet or CSV or another format file | / | / | V | V |
| Exception reporting | / | / | / | / |
| Tariff setting service | Optional | / | V | V |
| Proportional billing of total usage | Optional | V | V | V |
| Resident telephone and online support for billing | | | V | V |
| Website with resident account login bills | | | V | V |
| Statements issued by post or email | | | V | V |
| Multiple payment options Direct Debit, online, telephone, bank transfer and PayPoint | | | / | V |
| Collection activity | | | V | V |
| Client reporting | | | V | V |
| Debt free solution | | | V | Optional |

Metering and billing regulations

The Heat network (Metering and Billing) Regulations 2014 came into force in December 2014 under the **EU Energy Efficiency Directive.**

The regulations apply to anyone that is a heat supplier. A heat supplier is a person who supplies and charges for the supply of heating, cooling or hot water through either:



A district heat network



A communal heating system

The landlord has a duty to;



Provide detailed information in relation to each heat network that they operate to the BEIS (Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy)



than one final customer. heat suppliers must ensure that meters are installed in the building to

Where there is more

measure the consumption of heat. cooling or hot water by each final customer, unless it would not be technically feasible or cost effective to do so.



Ensure that customers are billed in a clear and transparent way to ensure they understand

how their bill is calculated, know what period their bill covers and how much of their bill is made up of standing charges.

Welcome Energy can arrange any of the above on your behalf, please contact us for details.



To speak to one of our representatives in regards to your metering and billing requirements please contact the office on 0800 368 9590 or help@welcomeenergy.co.uk

Further information can be found on http://www.gov.uk/heat-networks

AMR - Automatic Meter Reading

We can provide AMR solutions tailored to your requirements, we offer:

- Advice on initial planning and design of AMR networks
- **Complete head end installations** including data loggers, GPRS/GSM and ADSL communication equipment and test points
- **Supply and installation** of advanced AMR heat, hot/cold water, electricity and gas meters compatible with various network platforms
- **Diagnostic** and **repair** of MBus AMR networks
- **Full integration** with our billing and revenue management systems
- Meter readings stored in a cloud available to view in the client portal

Prepayment

Our prepayment system has many benefits for both the Landlord/Managing Agents and the tenants, please see some of these below;

- Supports MBus or pulse output heat meters.
- > Certified security
- > Multiple ways to top up
- > Can be used for **new builds** or **existing sites**
- Provides usage and data alerts
- Cost effective Low operating costs and no maintenance
- > Fully compliant with smart meter industry standards
- Tenants can be **switched remotely** between prepayment and credit mode
- > Emergency credit options available
- > Transferable protocol Means you are not locked to us

Credit control and debt recovery

At Welcome Energy we don't just send the bills, we offer a full collection service too.

Proactive collection of the bills includes;

- > 21 day and 28 day overdue letters, tailored for each site
- > Phone calls
- > Emails from our designated credit control address
- Late payment fees can also be added

Welcome Energy can take on existing energy debts and we can also add in a bad debt fund to the unit rate/standing charge if required to by our client.

Our clients receive monthly cash collected and full audit reports including exceptions, so are always aware of any debts We offer online billing so that bills can be viewed and paid 24hrs a day

Accurate billing gives the residents the confidence that they are only paying for what they use.

Tariff setting

Setting the correct tariff is very important for both;

Our clients

To make sure that we are billing out the total plant room running costs

Our residents

To be clear that
Welcome Energy offer
a full and transparent
billing service

Gas bill

Firstly we take the gas bill amount over a set period

For example £10,000





Meter readings

We then take meter readings for each property for the same period and add together the total units used

For example 100,000 kWh



Residents bill

Bills issued

Welcome Energy invoice

out the residents for your

total gas bill

For example £10,000

All residents will be billed at 10p per kWh for their actual usage

For example 400 units used 10p = £40.00



The unit rate

This then gives us the unit rate

For example 10p per kWh



The calculations

We then divide the gas bill amount and the total kWh units used

For example £10,000/ 100,000 kWh =0.10





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