

New prices announced



Record wholesale fuel costs, which have increased by on average over 100% within the last year, will require NIE Energy to increase electricity prices by 33.3% from 1 October. The level of increase for NIE Energy business customers will range from 25% to 34% depending on electricity consumption and tariff.

NIE Energy Managing Director Stephen McCully explains: "NIE Energy regrets having to pass such a sizeable increase on to customers, but the sustained very high power purchase costs have left us with no alternative. This increase does not increase the profit of NIE Energy. Both the Regulator and the Consumer Council are satisfied that this is the case.

"I would like to assure our customers that if NIE Energy is able to secure the purchase of lower cost power during 2009, this will be passed on to customers in the autumn 2009 price review. This is a tough economic climate and we are concerned about the impact of this increase on our customers. To help, we have practical energy saving schemes including a half-price energy efficient lighting offer and up to £5000 towards the cost of installing variable speed drives to improve motor efficiency. We would also encourage more of our customers to take advantage of our discounted direct debit scheme, to help offset increasing energy costs."

The new prices will be seen on quarterly bills issued from 1 January 2009 and on monthly bills issued from 1 November 2008*. Details of the full range of new tariff rates are available at www.nieenergy.co.uk or by calling our Customer Helpline.

*a few days may be carried over from the end of September, depending on when the monthly meter is read.

3 steps to lower bills

Step 1. check your tariff

We had a great response to this feature in the last issue of Business Lines. At a time of rising prices it becomes even more relevant to follow this simple advice:

Step 1. Check your tariff

The best tariff depends on your opening hours and the electrical equipment you use. The guide below shows which tariff will typically suit your type of business.

Food & Drink

Bakery	Nightsaver
Butchers	Nightsaver
Supermarket	Nightsaver
Coffee Shop	Nightsaver
Bar	Weekender
Off Sales	Weekender
Restaurant	Weekender
Takeaway/Fast Food	Weekender

Retail Outlets

Chemist	Popular
Fashion	Popular
Hair/Beauty	Popular
Hardware	Popular
Jewellers	Popular
Newsagents	Nightsaver
Video Store	Nightsaver

Offices

General Office	Popular
Dentist	Popular
Doctor	Popular
Estate Agent	Popular
Credit Union	Popular

Step 2. are you getting your discount?

Businesses that pay by direct debit will get a discount of 4%. On average this will pay for 2 weeks electricity every year.

Sign up today - call the Customer Helpline with your bank details - **no forms no fuss!** The caller must be an authorised signatory for the bank account. An additional 1% discount is available to 'Group' customers with more than six sites.


Step 3. cut energy waste


On average businesses waste up to 20% of the energy they buy. The Carbon Trust's free Starter Pack will show you how to make your business more energy efficient. Starter packs are available for the following business types:

- Service Organisations
- Industrial Companies
- Retail
- Hospitality

For more details visit the Carbon Trust website at www.carbontrust.co.uk or call them at 0800 085 2005.



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Energy Saving offers



How to Order



Order Form

(all prices include VAT)

Your Order:	No of Packs	Total
Pack of 2x70W Sodium Fitting @ £35.25		£
Pack of 2x70W Metal Halide Fitting @ £68.15		£
Pack of 2x5Ft Fluorescent Fitting @ £35.25		£
Pack of 20x20W Bulbs @ £44.65		£
Spare 70W Sodium Bulb @ £7.34		£
Spare 70W Metal Halide Bulb @ £8.81		£
Spare 5Ft Fluorescent Tube @ £1.76		£
Delivery Charge £7.75 + VAT		£9.11
Total		£

Variable Speed Drives - please tick here to register your interest and we will be in touch asap.

Your Details: (Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name:
Address:
Postcode:
Tel:
Mobile:
NIE Energy Customer No:
Tariff Type:

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Half-price lighting offer

Lighting can account for a large part of the electricity bill for most businesses but replacing it with modern energy saving lights is one of the simplest ways to make significant energy savings. NIE Energy is offering businesses a range of energy efficient lights at less than half price.

- Pack of 2 sodium floodlights** £30 + VAT
- to replace existing 300/500 watt halogen fittings. These fittings have a vandal resistant construction and provide a golden coloured light.
- Pack of 2 metal halide floodlights** £58 + VAT
- to replace 300/500 watt tungsten fittings. These fittings are provided in a polycarbonate casing and produce a bright white light.
- Pack of 2 5ft vapour proof high frequency fluorescent fittings** £30 + VAT
- to replace older fluorescent and tungsten fittings.
- Pack of 20 low energy 20W light bulbs** £38 + VAT per pack
- to replace standard 100 watt filament bulbs.

Variable Speed Drive offer

Assistance of up to £5,000 is available to businesses to install variable speed drive systems. These can significantly cut the amount of electricity used by motors in a wide variety of applications including air compressors, ventilation fans and water circulation pumps, offering excellent environmental and financial savings.

To apply for any of the above, please complete the application form attached. For further information visit www.nie-yourenergy.co.uk

- Please fully complete the form opposite in BLOCK CAPITALS.
- Enclose your cheque for the total amount made payable to: Low Carbon Solutions Ltd.
- Post your completed form and cheque to **Low Carbon Solutions Limited**
NIE Energy Offer
Tureagh House, 85 Ballyrickard Road, Larne, BT40 3NG
- Prices on Order Form include VAT. You will receive a VAT receipt with your delivery.

Legal Notice - Default Customer Scheme

This new scheme applies to customers who are taking electricity supplied by us without prior agreement, for example moving into vacant or brand new premises, and sets out their Terms and Conditions. It applies under paragraph 3 of Schedule 6 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992 as amended by the Electricity Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007. For a full copy visit our website at www.nieenergy.co.uk or call our Customer Helpline.