



## Smart metering - smart funding?

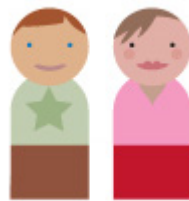


In the last item on smart metering I looked at the costs and benefits of the smart metering programme. In this final article I'll be looking at when and how smart metering is paid for and the pitfalls waiting for early enthusiasts.

### Timing problems

The real problem, in my view, with the Government's (and, indeed, the previous government's) approach to the smart meter roll-out is the way in which it is paid for. The costs will be borne by the suppliers and, thus, customers, between 2012 and 2016 resulting on an average addition to electricity and gas bills of £80 per year in these years. [Read more](#)

More news from Ebico, the UK's only not-for-profit energy supplier



### Ebico - your national social enterprise

18th November celebrates Social Enterprise Day, a day raising awareness of social enterprises both locally and nationally.

Ebico is one of 62,000 social enterprises in the UK, which are set apart from normal businesses because they have a social or environmental aim.

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### Door draught excluder review

What is it?

A track with circular "tubes" that sit either side of the door - you simply slide it under your door (fits nearly all makes of door) and you then cut it to size if necessary.

[Read full review](#)

### Do you have trouble understanding your gas or electricity bill?

Don't worry you're certainly not alone.

We have put together some advice on what your bill should look like, how to know whether it is estimated or actual and how to understand the calculations.

[Full guide here](#)

### Clock change - how do you feel about the darker evenings?

Phil Levermore, our MD has been calling for a new trial of year-round British Summer Time in order to reduce the additional energy consumption brought about by darker evenings in the winter.

[For more information on why, read Phil's blog.](#)



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