



DERBY HOMES HOUSING PARTNERSHIP TEAMS UP WITH ETHICAL ENERGY SUPPLIER

Housing association residents in Derby may be about to see a substantial reduction in their energy bills thanks to a new partnership with the UK's only not-for-profit energy supplier.

Derby Homes has today announced that it will promote Ebico as its preferred supplier for gas and electricity to all of its tenants. Ebico's specially designed tariff, which has no standing charge and just one flat rate per unit of energy used, enables customers to take control of their energy bills.

"We provide our customers with energy efficiency advice and are always looking for new ways to help them reduce their bills," said Shaun Bennett, Director of Investment and Regeneration at Derby Homes. "Many of our tenants pay a higher tariff with their current energy supplier because they pay by key or card meter. With Ebico, customers are charged the same rate, no matter how they pay, which seems a much fairer way of doing things."

Phil Levermore, Managing Director of Ebico, said: "People on pre-payment meters generally get a raw deal from energy suppliers. We have made the system fairer by charging all customers the same rate regardless of their payment method and eliminating the standing charge. This makes a huge difference to pre-payment customers who can expect to see a substantial reduction in their bills. Our partnership with Derby Homes will allow us to offer more help those on lower incomes and in many cases, those suffering from fuel poverty."

Through Ebico's partnership with Derby Homes, the company will also donate money to improving energy efficiency within the housing association's residential properties.

Notes to Editors

About Ebico

Ebico is the UK's only not-for-profit energy supply company in the UK and is committed to the reduction and elimination of fuel poverty. The company's flat rate tariff with no standing charge rewards low users of energy. In August 2009 Ebico won the CSR category of the Best Business Awards for its commitment to tackling fuel poverty and climate change. For more information visit www.ebico.co.uk