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## NOTE ON OUR TARIFF EXPECTATIONS

At first glance, the amount you pay as a Gower Power customer may seem similar, or even a little higher than you are currently paying. But we don't expect this to be the case for long. The Energy Industry is predicting several price cap increases still to come, and the next one due in the Autumn is currently forecast to be around a 75% increase.

The good news is that being locally supplied by Gower Power, the energy we are supplying will not be subject to the same price increases as those elsewhere, so the amount of money you could get off your bill from Gower Power will increase as prices rise. This means that in the near future, switching your energy supply to us could save you money down the line.

## PROSPECTIVE GOWER POWER CREDIT

Being a Community Interest Company, our intention is that any surplus at the end of the year will be used to give customers the option of receiving money off their bill. GPSS is a pilot project so there is uncertainty as to what credit will be available, however our current forecasting suggests that if customers wish to receive money back off their bills at the end of the year, this could be around 25% off the energy supplied by Gower Power. Alternately this surplus could be allocated to charity or other causes if the customers wish.

There are a number of factors that will affect the amount of credit you could receive, primarily the number of customers who sign up (the more the better), the ongoing expenses of the business and critically the price that customers are paying for energy. Most forecasters are predicting more rises in electricity prices in the autumn, but Gower Power will be largely protected from this until the end of October 2024 as the price of the power from the solar farm is fixed until that date. For this reason we expect that the amount of credit available will increase as power prices increase.

Note that Ecotricity supply any of the customer's electricity that cannot be met by the Gower Power project and this is not expected to be discounted. For this reason the more that Gower Power can supply the more the benefit would be accrued by the scheme.

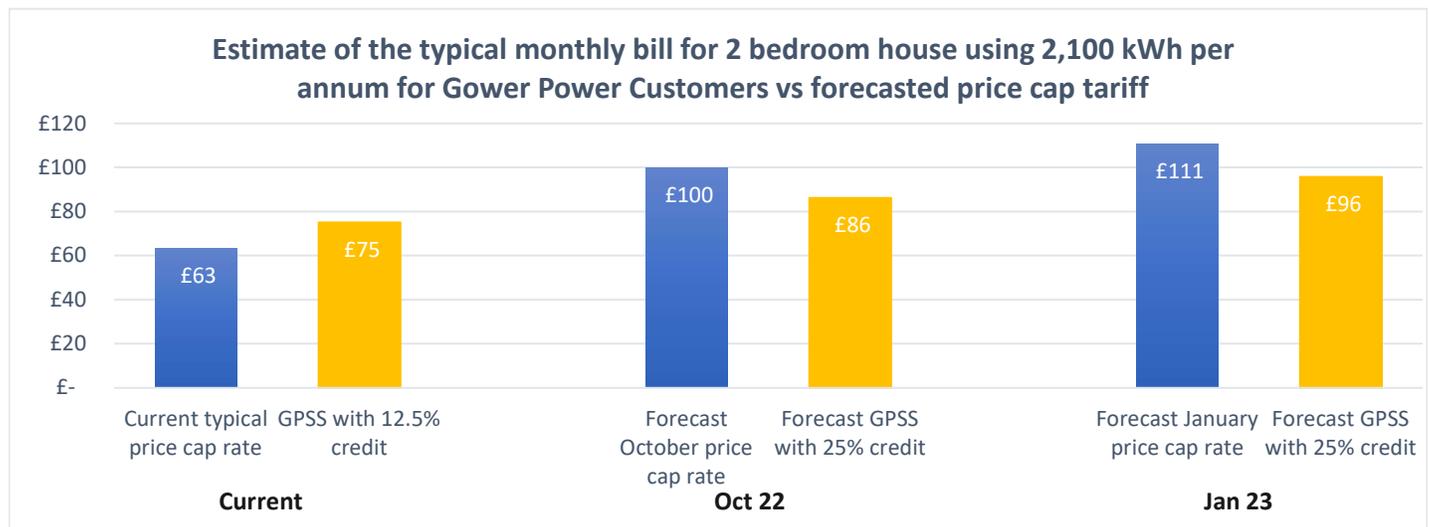




## TARIFF AND FORECAST POTENTIAL SURPLUS

The Gower Power potential credit is forecast to be up to about 25% of the energy price or more, although as described above this will not be able to be confirmed until the end of each year (in August). That said, we believe that if successful, it will be able to provide long term benefits to the customers and the community as energy prices are expected to remain high for a long time.

As an illustration of current and forecast tariffs we are showing the current tariff, with anticipated surplus allocated to a consumer credit (rather than to charity) relative to the current price cap and the forecast price cap in October 22, then January 2023.



**NOTE** The above forecasts represent our best estimate of the next 6-12 months, but as shown by recent events in Ukraine and by Russia’s actions on the gas pipelines, unexpected events can occur at any time that can cause significant changes in the energy market. In addition, if we are unable to recruit enough customers to the scheme (we are targeting 250) then this could reduce the surplus and therefore credit available.

Assumptions as follows: Price cap increases to £3,420 in October, £3,850 in January (BYG July 22), Green Tariff increases in line with price cap. Gower Power recruits a total of 140 customers by winter 2023. The customer elects to allocate the surplus to their bill rather than giving it to charity

**Gower Power Storage is a Community Interest Company and as such it is subject the following rules statement:**

*“The company’s activities will provide benefit to i) local consumers who want to purchase clean energy and better manage their own energy use ii) renewable energy generators and iii) other organisations trading for the benefit of the Swansea community.”*



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## AVAILABLE TARIFF DETAILS (NOT INCLUDING ANY GOWER POWER CREDIT)

### Green Electricity – Standard

Unit rate: 39.09p per kWh

Standing charge: 35.91

### Green Electricity – Economy 7

Day rate: 40.55p per kWh

Night rate: 22.07p per kWh

Standing Charge: 31.97p per day

Note: These are correct at 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022, but owing to rapidly change market conditions please note that may be subject to change. Please confirm pricing with our team on the phone before making the switch.

## ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Are the tariffs fixed?** The tariffs on offer for the Gower Power scheme are not fixed. Ecotricity have no fixed schedule for updating the tariffs – they review them when market circumstances mean they have to, often in line with when Ofgem review their price cap. They will always give you reasonable notice if your prices need to go up. Fixed tariffs are available with Ecotricity but are typically much more expensive.

**Do you need a smart meter?** Yes, and a Wi-Fi connected In Home Device so we can see how much you are using with the aim of optimising site output depending on how much our customers are using.

**If you have Solar Panels, will we pay for home generated electricity?** Ecotricity (our partners) buy exported energy for some solar installations. See this link for more information <https://www.ecotricity.co.uk/your-green-energy/solar-power-export>

**Is there an EV tariff?** Yes an EV Tariff is available, please us know you are interested in this and the team will help you. You can also charge your car at our site in Dunvant which has two Pod-Point chargers.

**If Gower Power goes bust what happens?** You would become a wholly Ecotricity customer on the tariff you are on. Of course we do not plan on this happening at all! But note that in this circumstance we could not guarantee any credit would be applied.

**Will prices go up?** We don't know what is going to happen but in the current market it is expected that all energy prices will go up for this winter. If they do the Gower Power credit is also expected to go up, hence providing some protection from price rises.

## WE HOPE YOU CHOOSE TO JOIN

