

Summary of UK dividend payments by the major energy suppliers in 2006 and 2007

Supplier	2006 Dividends ⁽ⁱ⁾ (£m)	2007 Dividends ⁽ⁱ⁾ (£m)	Parent Company	Stock Exchange Listing
Centrica (ii)	409	478	N/A	London SE
E.ON	0	240	E.On AG	Frankfurt SE
EDF Energy	105	110	EDF S.A	Paris (Euronext)
RWE Npower (iii)	37	250	RWE AG	Frankfurt SE
Scottish Power (iv)	427.3	83	Iberdrola S.A	Madrid SE
Scottish and Southern Energy	400.1	473.9	N/A	London SE
TOTAL	1,378	1,635		

A question and answer section of the Centrica web site on energy price rises states: 'Centrica's businesses must be profitable to make necessary large scale investments in new gas and power assets to secure UK supplies.'

In *The Guardian* on Thursday 4 September, Laura Schmidt, a spokeswoman for the Association of Electricity Producers said: "A windfall tax would be a very bad way of addressing the fuel poverty issue because it's a very short term measure that risks really damaging the relationship between government and businesses. And [it] would also send a bad signal to companies that are contemplating about £100bn investment in the energy industry in the UK."

The LGA's proposals are part of its *Small Change, Big Difference* climate change campaign. The research appears in the LGA report *Switch Off, Switched On II* which has been launched today.

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