

SSE Airtricity to reduce gas prices in Northern Ireland from 1 April

Friday 1, March 2024: SSE Airtricity, Northern Ireland's leading provider of natural gas, has confirmed today it will reduce its regulated natural gas prices by 22.8%, saving a typical household customer £320.47* annually, equivalent to £6.16 per week*.

The 22.8% reduction announced today comes into effect from 1 April 2024 and will apply to all domestic and small business customers.

SSE Airtricity is a price controlled regulated supplier of natural gas to over 200,000[^] home and small business customers in Northern Ireland. The company is announcing the reduction following a recent regulated tariff review on the back of improvements in the global energy markets, which has seen wholesale gas prices reducing from the record highs experienced in the last 18 months.

Today's announcement follows consultation with the Northern Ireland Utility Regulator. The company also consulted with the Department for the Economy (DofE) and the Consumer Council of Northern Ireland (CCNI) as part of the review.

Andrew Greer, SSE Airtricity General Manager (NI) said:

"I'm pleased to be sharing this good news with our customers today. We know energy costs are a primary concern for customers across Northern Ireland, and that wholesale market volatility has impacted households and business so this price reduction will no doubt provide some welcome relief.

"However, we recognise that energy costs will remain difficult for many customers, so, as well as reducing prices whenever we can, we also work with customers to offer additional support and services."

Customers seeking advice on their natural gas bills or direct debit payments can speak to the SSE Airtricity Customer Services team on 0345 900 5253 or contact us online by visiting www.airtricitygasni.com.

For free and independent advice on how to save energy can contact NI Energy Advice Line on 0800 111 4455 or the Consumer Council on 0800 121 6022.

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**Based on a customer on a standard 24hr credit meter tariff (Home Energy Standard) with typical medium level consumption of 12,000 kWh. Figures are inclusive of VAT. Actual costs vary according to meter type, individual tariff and consumption.*

[^]Customer figures for SSE Airtricity based on latest retail energy market Quarterly Transparency Report for Q3 2023 published by the Utility Regulator, December 2023