

## Opus Energy launches gas market service

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In response to customer demand, the UK's largest independent business energy supplier, Opus Energy, has expanded its market portfolio to offer a new gas service to small and medium (SME) businesses.

The gas service offers customers a clear alternative to existing market suppliers and includes many of the popular benefits already available with Opus' successful electricity products. Customers will have access to competitively priced, fixed-term contracts, shielding them from gas market price fluctuations. Existing electricity customers will continue to receive the same high standard of customer care with the ease of only having one supplier.

The energy supplier currently provides electricity to over 60,000 sites across the UK and entry into the gas market is proving successful. Since the first supply went live in the middle of October 2009, sales have exceeded expectations, with over 1,000 customers already signed up.

Opus Energy has the flexibility to buy gas from a number of market sources and is therefore able to respond quickly to market price changes, and pass cost-savings directly onto customers. The gas service will initially be marketed to existing and new SME customers.

Charlie Crossley Cooke, founder and Managing Director of Opus Energy, said:

“Opus Energy has successfully been supplying electricity to the business market for seven years. We've experienced significant growth based on our competitive pricing, exceptional level of customer service and an incremental growth strategy. We have responded to the high level of customer demand for gas products and will apply the same principles to ensure that we become a first rate gas supplier.

“The expansion of the gas service will be developed to ensure we continue to see overall company growth and maintain the high levels of customer service expected from Opus Energy.”

Businesses can receive a competitive online quote for gas services by visiting [www.opusenergy.com](http://www.opusenergy.com) or calling 0845 0405810.

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Notes to editors

Opus Energy is a leading independent supplier of gas and electricity to UK businesses. With offices in Northampton and Oxford, Opus Energy employs over 230 people. Opus Energy supplies over 50,000 UK business sites across all market sectors. Large customers include: Stagecoach, Thorntons, Farmfoods, FirstGroup, and John Lewis. Opus Energy's management team has a 50 per cent stake in the business, while International Power Plc (LSE:IPR.L) holds 30 per cent and Telecom Plus Plc (LSE: TEP.L ) has 20 per cent.

For further information about Opus Energy, please see [www.opusenergy.com](http://www.opusenergy.com)

For more information on Opus Energy's pledge to the Cynthia Spencer Hospice, and Opus Energy's sponsorship of Daniel Keatings, the British Olympic gymnast, please visit [www.opusenergychallenge.com](http://www.opusenergychallenge.com).

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