Basis of Reporting

2014 Reporting

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Summary

The Basis of Reporting (BoR) outlines the scope of each of the 12 key performance indicators (KPIs) assured in our 2014 Corporate Responsibility Performance Review and Annual Report and Accounts.

Deloitte LLP have assured the 12 selected KPIs as stated within their Assurance statement, available at www.centrica.com/CRassurance. To review the assured KPIs see:

- 2014 Corporate Responsibility Performance Review, pages 6-8 at www.centrica.com/CRreview
- 2014 Annual Report and Accounts Performance Measures, pages 9-11 at www.centrica.com/performance

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Lost time injury frequency rate (LTIFR)

Description

Lost time injury frequency rate (LTIFR) is an industry standard measure for tracking personal safety performance for serious injuries.

A lost time injury is defined as an incident arising out of Centrica's operations which leads to an injury where the employee or contractor is not available to work for one day or more, excluding the day that the injury occurred.

Unit of measure

LTIFR = Number of lost time injuries x 100,000 Hours worked

Scope

All Centrica businesses (i.e. British Gas (BG), Centrica Energy (CE), Centrica Storage Limited (CSL), Direct Energy (DE) and Bord Gáis Energy (BGE)) are included for the scope of reporting as defined below for the period January to December 2014. This includes 2014 acquisitions and divestments as follows:

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Centrica Business	Business Unit	Acquired Business Name	Operated or non-operated?	"Day One" Date	Date HSE Metrics Reporting Started
Centrica	Centrica	Bord Gáis Energy	Operated	1 July	1 July
Centrica Energy	Exploration & Production (E&P) (Canada)	Shell Canada assets (Panther, Burnt Timber & Hunter Valley)	Operated	27 June	27 June
Direct Energy	Services	Astrum Solar	Operated	30 July	1 August

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Centrica Energy	E&P	Greater Kittiwake	Operated	31 March	31 March	
Centrica Energy	Power	Celtic Array	Non-operated	31 July	N/A*	
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- work activities are undertaken under a Centrica business brand
- work performance is under the direct control of a Centrica business' line management
- Centrica owns or has the controlling interest in the premises/asset where the third party is working

From 1 January 2013, work hours and injuries associated with franchisee operations were no longer included in the reported data. Injury data, investigation details and corrective actions continue to be recorded from franchisees' for the purposes of sharing learnings across the franchisee community.

Note: for the purposes of 2014 reporting from 1st January 2014 the former DE business in Canada, DE Upstream Gas, has reported through CE E&P (formerly CE Upstream).

Data quality, collection and reporting frequency

The source recording system used by Corporate Centre (CC), British Gas (BG), Centrica Storage (CSL), Centrica Energy Power (CEP), Centrica Energy Millstream (CE Millstream) and Centrica Energy Upstream (CEU) is myHSE, in Direct Energy the source recording system is Analytix and for Bord Gáis Energy, EnviroManager.

The required data is then transferred to an Excel template for the purpose of reporting to Centrica Group. A nominated person from each business extracts the relevant data from the source recording system to complete the reporting template.

Where actual worked hours are available these are used to calculate LTIFR, if actual work hours are not maintained, for example salaried personnel, the following calculation is used to estimate work hours across the group:

monthly average FTE (equivalent full time employees) x 8 hours x number of working days in the month (excluding weekends and national holidays)

Note: for off-shore workers a 12 hour working day should be used for the days off-shore.

It may generally be assumed that actual work hours are available for industrial personnel; hours for office based personnel are generally estimated (including agency workers). Contractor hours are provided by the contractor as agreed in the contract.

Any other work hour estimations must be submitted to Group HSES for approval before 1 December of the preceding recording year by the business HSE Director. No approvals were requested or made in 2014.

Reporting frequency

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Total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR)

Description

Total recordable injury frequency rate (TRIFR) is an industry standard measure for tracking personal safety performance for serious injuries.

Recordable injuries include all work related injuries apart from first aid. This includes fatalities, lost time, restricted duty and medical treatment (Note: all needle stick and sharps injuries are recordable). Only first aid injuries described as below are excluded:

- using a non-prescription medication at nonprescription strength (for medications available in both prescription and non-prescription form, a recommendation by a physician or other licensed health care professional to use a non-prescription medication at prescription strength is considered medical treatment for record keeping purposes);
- b) Administering tetanus immunizations (other immunizations, such as Hepatitis B vaccine or rabies vaccine, are considered medical treatment)
- c) Cleaning, flushing or soaking wounds on the surface of the skin
- d) Using wound coverings such as bandages, Band-AidsTM, gauze pads, etc.; or using butterfly bandages or Steri-StripsTM (other wound closing devices such as sutures, staples, etc., are considered medical treatment)
- e) Using hot or cold therapy
- Using any non-rigid means of support, such as elastic bandages, wraps, non-rigid back belts, etc. (devices with rigid stays or other systems designed to immobilize parts of the body are considered medical treatment for recordkeeping purposes)
- g) Using temporary immobilization devices while transporting an accident victim (e.g., splints, slings, neck collars, back boards, etc.)
- h) Drilling of a fingernail or toenail to relieve pressure, or draining fluid from a blister
- i) Using eye patches
- j) Removing foreign bodies from the eye using only irrigation or a cotton swab
- k) Removing splinters or foreign material from areas other than the eye by irrigation, tweezers, cotton swabs or other simple means
- I) Using finger guards
- m) Using massages (physical therapy or chiropractic treatment are considered medical treatment for recordkeeping purposes)
- n) Drinking fluids for relief of heat stress.

Unit of measure

TRIFR = Number of recordable injuries x 100,000
Hours worked

Scope

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Data quality, collection and reporting frequency

The source recording system used by Corporate Centre (CC), British Gas (BG), Centrica Storage (CSL), Centrica Energy Power (CEP), Centrica Energy Millstream (CE Millstream) and Centrica Energy Upstream (CEU) is myHSE, in Direct Energy the source recording system is Analytix and in Bord Gáis Energy, EnviroManager.



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Note: for off-shore workers a 12 hour working day should be used for the days off-shore.

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Reporting frequency

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Significant process safety event

Description

Process safety is defined by the International Association of Oil & Gas Producers as (IOGP): "a disciplined framework for managing the integrity of operating systems and processes that handle hazardous substances. It relies on good design principles, engineering, operating and maintenance practices."

At Centrica, the effectiveness of our process safety programmes are tracked through both lagging and leading indicators. These lagging and leading indicators are defined from recommended best practices published by IOGP (Process Safety – Recommended Practice on Key Performance Indicators, Report No. 456 November 2011) and the American Petroleum Institute's (API) (Process Safety Performance Indicators for the Refining and Petrochemical Industries, RP 754) and adapted for applicability to Centrica's activities.

Process safety events form a hierarchy of severity from proactive or leading indicators, defined as Tier 4 & 5 indicators, to actual process safety events with increasing severity from Tier 3 to Tier 1, referred to as lagging indicators. Metrics relating to significant process safety events (Tier 1) are publically reported.

Tier 1 Event Definition

A Tier 1 process safety event is defined as follows:

"An uncontrolled release of flammable gas, steam or hot water under pressure causing a major injury or fatality; or the uncontrolled release of an environmentally hazardous substance causing significant impairment of sensitive receivers."

Scope

The following Centrica business: Centrica Energy (CE) and Centrica Storage Limited (CSL), reported process safety metrics related to their drilling, completions, processing, generation, storage and supply of energy activities for the period January to December 2014. Note that former Direct Energy Upstream Gas assets in Canada are reported in Centrica Energy statistics from 1 January 2014 and Direct Energy Power Station assets were divested in 2013.

Tier 1 process safety events are reported for all directly controlled activities. This includes all activities undertaken by third parties where:

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Data quality, collection and reporting frequency

The source recording system used by Corporate Centre (CC), British Gas (BG), Centrica Storage (CSL), Centrica Energy Power (CEP), Centrica Energy Millstream (CE Millstream) and Centrica Energy Upstream (CEU) is myHSE.

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Reporting frequency

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Road safety incidents – number of high severity incidents and low severity rate

Description

The road safety metric measures the number of driving-related incidents. Data is evaluated in terms of levels of severity from level 1 to 5. Incidents of high severity are actual levels 4 and 5, and low severity actual levels 2 to 3 (see below).

Calculation methodology

The key performance indicators tracked are number of high severity incidents and the low incident severity rate. The unit of measure for high severity incidents is the number of incidents and the unit of measure for low severity incident rate is:

Road incident rate = Number of road safety incidents x 1,000,000 commercial vehicle and expensed Km driven

Level Descriptors for Road Traffic Events

Vehicle Severity Level	Actual severity	Potential Severity
Level 5 Major / Fundamental	 There is an employee or 3rd party fatality. Permanent disabling injury to a member of public. 	 Head on collision >40mph Centrica vehicle or 3rd party vehicle rollover Loss of vehicle control at speed >40mph Motorcyclist involved at a speed >30mph Pedestrian or cyclist involved at speed > 20mph
Level 4 Significant	 Employee permanent disabling injury/illness. Member of public injury that requires hospitalisation. 	 Head on collision >30mph Loss of vehicle control at speed >30 mph Motorcyclist involved at speeds >20mph Pedestrian or cyclist involved at speeds < 20mph
Level 3 Important	Lost time injury to an employee.Minor injury to a member of public.	 Head on collision >20mph Hit from behind at speed >20mph Loss of vehicle control at speed <30mph
Level 2 Minor	Injury to an employee that requires medical treatment or First Aid.	Low speed incident <20mph
Level 1 Near Miss	No injury All vehicle damage	• N/A

Scope

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High severity road traffic events occurring while driving on company business are recorded by employees, agency workers, francisees and contractors regardless of whether the vehicle is company owned, rented/leased or privately owned. Franchisee high severity road traffic events are not included in the reported metrics.

Low severity events occurring while driving on company business are recorded by employees, agency workers francisees and contractors regardless of whether the vehicle is company owned, rented/leased or privately owned. Work related kilometres are recorded for Centrica owned commercial vehicles and expensed mileage for company owned, rented/lease and privately owned vehicles, but not for agency workers, francisees or contractors. The reported low severity incident rate excludes agency workers, francisees and contractors.

Note: for the purposes of 2014 reporting from 1st January 2014 the former DE business in Canada, DE Upstream Gas, has reported through CE E&P (formerly CE Upstream).

Only business related distance is used for calculation of the incident rate. For the small number of fuel card holders in the UK (less than 2% of overall distance travelled within UK) who can purchase fuel for personal and business use, an estimate of personal distance travelled is made to exclude this from the data (47% is assumed personal from Fleet data). For Business Unit performance, the distance travelled is allocated to businesses based on headcount where aligned cost centres are not available.



Data collection

Data is reported through incident reporting systems in each business. The source recording system used by Corporate Centre, British Gas, Centrica Storage, Centrica Energy Power, CE Millstream and Centrica Energy Upstream (CEU) is myHSE. In Direct Energy the source recording system is Analtyx.

The required data is then transferred to a template for the purpose of reporting to Group. A nominated person from each business extracts the relevant data from the source reporting system to complete the reporting template.

Distance travelled data is reported to Group HSE on a quarterly basis. British Gas Fleet provides data for the UK commercial fleet and company car fleet. Direct Energy Fleet provides data for North America.

Reporting frequency

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Fatalities

Description

Metric measures any work related fatalities associated with our activities.

Unit of measure

Number of people

Scope

All Centrica businesses carrying out activities, (i.e. British Gas (BG), Centrica Energy (CE), Centrica Storage Limited (CSL) and Direct Energy (DE)) are included for the scope of reporting as defined below for the period January to December 2014. This includes 2014 acquisitions and divestments as follows:

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Fatalities of members of the public resulting from our activities are also reported, but these are not included in the total fatalities figure.

Data collection

Data is collected from each business upon occurrence.

Reporting frequency

Our reporting standard requires any fatality to be reported to the Chief Executive immediately (as soon as possible following the incident).



British Gas net promoter score (NPS)

Description

NPS is a measure of customer advocacy and has been shown to be linked to company growth. It uses a scale of 0 to 10, to measure how much a customer would recommend a company.

Calculation methodology

Unit of measure

NPS is calculated by categorising customers into three groups based on how they answer the question: How likely is it you would recommend British Gas?

On a scale of 0-10 with 0 being Definitely Not Recommend and 10 being Definitely Recommend, how likely is it that you would recommend British Gas?

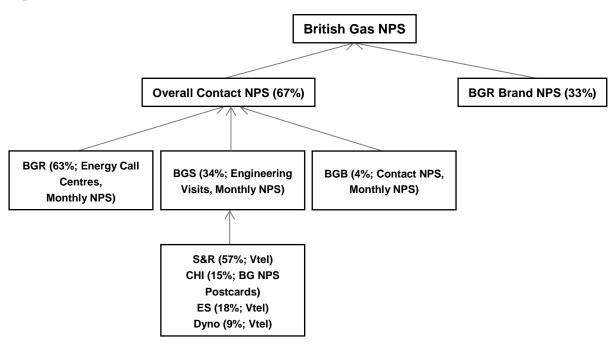


NPS = % Promoters - % Detractors

Scope

British Gas NPS measure is a composite metric combining NPS scores for Residential, Services and Business divisions. There are multiple NPS metrics from multiple separate survey sources that go into making up this composite score (outlined below – Figure 1), using the weightings shown.

Figure 1





Types of measurement

The British Gas NPS is made up of two types of measurement: Contact NPS across Residential Energy, Services and Business divisions and Brand NPS across Residential Energy and Services divisions. The Contact NPS measures customer advocacy soon after an interaction (call centre or engineer visit). Brand NPS measures customer advocacy among all Residential customers, including customers with no recent interaction with the business.

Table A - Outlines type of measurement used

Metric	Measurement type	Composition / inputs
(1) British Gas NPS	Blend of Contact and Brand NPS	British Gas Contact NPS (67%) + British Gas Brand NPS (33%)
(2) British Gas Contact NPS	Blend of British Gas Residential, British Gas Services and British Gas Business NPS	British Gas Residential NPS (63%) + British Gas Services NPS (34%) + British Gas Business NPS (4%), each of these scores are in themselves derived from scores based on multiple surveys.
(3) British Gas Brand NPS	Brand	NPS calculated from one survey which is representative of residential customers. End of year score is based on rolling three months to ensure robustness and to eliminate any spikes in the monthly survey data.
(4) British Gas Residential (BGR) NPS	Contact	Combination of BGR Customer Services NPS and BGR Customer Relations (complaint handling) NPS. End of year score is based on the survey data for the 12 months from January to December 2014. No weightings are applied.
(5) British Gas Services (BGS) NPS	Contact	Composite of Service & Repair (S&R, 57%), Central Heating Installation (CHI, 15%), Electrical Services (ES, 18%) and Dyno (9%), British Gas Community Energy is no longer part of BGS Engineer Visit NPS Metric, as of Dec 2011. NPS scores weighted based on 2012 expected gross profits in each area. End of year score is based on an average of the 12 monthly weighted scores (from January to December 2014).
(6) British Gas Business (BGB) NPS	Contact	NPS score is based on result of eDigital surveys sent to a selection of customers who have been in contact with BGB. For the overall BGB NPS metric no filtering is applied and so covers all departments. No weightings are applied. End of year score is based on e-Digital survey data from January to December 2014.

Calculation methodology

For all business areas within the contact measurement types, the NPS is calculated monthly by calculating the percentage of promoters for that month, the percentage of detractors for the month and subtracting detractors from promoters.

Contact NPS metrics capture customer experience; year-end scores are based on full year survey data where available to encompass our customers' views over the full period. The year-end score for BGR



Contact NPS has been calculated using the underlying survey data for January to December. The same methodology has been used for BGB Contact NPS however due to the change in process only the new e-Digital surveys carried out from October to December have been included.

BGS Contact NPS year end score is an average of the January to December monthly scores for simplicity. However, calculating the year end score using the underlying survey data results in the same end of year score and so the average is seen to be accurate.

Brand NPS year end score is the 3 month rolling average at December 2014, and so includes survey data from October to December. Brand NPS is a strategic metric reflecting the standing of the brand, the end of the year score has been used as it reflects current consumer opinion.

Brand NPS

The Brand NPS survey provides a monthly NPS score for the British Gas residential customer base. The study is designed to ensure that the results are representative of residential customers and as such are weighted based on whether customers are duel fuel or single fuel, what type of Homecare product they purchase, and their method of payment (cash/cheque, direct debit or Pay As You Go).

The monthly total completed surveys among British Gas residential customers are 1,500 (3 month average based on 4,500). The 2014 Brand NPS year-end score is the 3 month rolling average at December 2014 (Oct-Dec 2014).

British Gas Residential NPS

The overall British Gas Residential (BGR) NPS score is derived from 2 surveys. One covers customer service calls and the other covers complaint handling calls. No weighting is applied and the 2014 NPS is calculated from the arithmetical sums of the promoter responses and detractor responses obtained from the 2 surveys for the year.

British Gas Services NPS

The overall British Gas Services (BGS) NPS score is created based on a two stage process. First, NPS is calculated for each of the business areas (S&R, CHI, ES and Dyno). Next, an overall BGS NPS score is calculated by combining the four metrics and weighting based on 2012 expected gross profits in each area. Weightings are reviewed and updated every 2-3 years as they remain quite consistent during this period.

The number of completed surveys for British Gas Services in 2014 was 769.9k. The year-end score for British Gas Services NPS is calculated across January 2014 to December 2014.

Note: British Gas CE is no longer part of BGS Engineer Visit NPS Metric, as of December 2011.

British Gas Business Contact NPS

NPS is based on e-Digital surveys. This scheme piloted at BGB from August 2013, starting with the Contact Centres only. The full launch of the new process covering all departments and decommissioning of the previous telephone based NPS process took place in October 2013. The end of year BGB NPS score has been based on e-Digital survey data from this point. Surveys prior to this date were based on a different methodology and for consistency have been excluded from the calculation.

The overall BGB NPS score is non-weighted, reflective of the actual number of completed surveys. The 2014 year end score for British Gas Business Contact NPS is based on the e-Digital surveys completed from January 1st 2014 to December 31st 2014.

British Gas Contact NPS

The British Gas Contact NPS is calculated by combining British Gas Residential, British Gas Services and British Gas Business NPS scores using the weighting outlined in Figure 1.

British Gas NPS

The Overall British Gas NPS is calculated by then creating a weighted average of British Gas Residential (BGR) Brand NPS (33%) and British Gas Contact NPS (67%).



Data quality, collection and reporting frequency

British Gas Residential NPS

The BGR Customer Service NPS survey uses an automated Interactive Voice Response methodology. Respondents are called back within an hour of their conversation with a contact centre agent. Some respondents are screened out by the system, for example if they have recently filled in a survey, otherwise all are dialled. The contact centre agent does not select the calls that will get the survey. This methodology was introduced at the beginning of 2013.

The BGR Complaints NPS survey uses an 'agent select' IVR methodology. Respondents are asked by the contact centre agent whether they would like to participate in the survey. If they agree the agent puts them through to the survey at the end of their call. The survey had 27.9k responses in 2014.

British Gas Residential reporting is available on a weekly basis; the monthly scores are calculated from the summation of the weekly data.

British Gas Services NPS

In 2013, CHI customers are surveyed by post, administered internally by British Gas. Each week each business area pulls together a list of all customers who have had an engineer visit in the prior week. All of these customers are sent a paper survey. Completed surveys sent back by customers are analysed by British Gas and NPS scores created.

S&R, Dyno and ES customers are surveyed by an outbound automated phone survey. Each day a dialler file is created for all customers who have had an Engineer visit in the previous day. The file is uploaded to internally hosted secure site, and customers are called automatically and invited to participate in the survey.

The BG Management Information (MI) analysts from ES, Dyno, CHI and S&R then process the raw survey data and calculate the monthly NPS figure. All MI reports are published on the MI portal.

British Gas Services reporting is published monthly.

British Gas Business NPS

Data is delivered in three files received daily from eDigital.

Weekly NPS scores are calculated every Monday after the import of that days files. The monthly values are generated on a Monday once the correct weeks have been completed.

British Gas Residential (BGR) Brand NPS

Interviews are conducted by telephone by an external research agency. Interview quotas are set on joint/single status, fuel mix (single v dual), payment method, and Services product holding. Corrective weights are added to the final data to ensure the data represents the customer base.

Fieldwork takes place on a daily basis. About 1,500 interviews with British Gas residential customers are completed monthly. Customers surveyed in the last month for any British Gas survey are excluded from the sample, as are customers who have completed the Brand NPS survey itself within the last six months. British Gas provides the external agency with a randomly generated customer file on a monthly basis for use during the following month. The customer records are transferred securely via a site. The external agency conducts interviewing and collates the resulting data via their CATI (Computer-Aided Telephone Interviewing) tool, Askia Vista.

The Brand NPS figure is published to the business monthly. In addition interviews are also conducted among customers of British Gas's five main competitors, 18.1k competitor interviews were completed via the brand survey in order to give the business an understanding of their relative position in the market. However these interviews are separate from the British Gas customer interviews and have no impact on the British Gas Brand NPS score.



Direct Energy net promoter score (NPS)

Description

NPS is a measure of customer advocacy and has been shown to be linked to company growth. It uses a scale of 0 to 10, to measure how much a customer would recommend a company.

The North America Direct Energy NPS metric reflects customer advocacy from residential and business energy customers and home services customers from across its operating markets in the United States and Canada.

Calculation methodology

Unit of measure

NPS is calculated by categorising our customers into three groups based on how they answer the question: How likely are you to recommend {Brand Name} to friends or colleagues?

Customers rate their likelihood to recommend on a scale of 0 to 10, with zero being 'definitely would not recommend' and 10 being 'definitely would recommend'. As depicted in the image below, customers are grouped three ways based on how they rate their likelihood to recommend:

- 0 to 6 are detractors
- 7 or 8 are passive
- 9 or 10 are promoters



Types of measurement

Direct Energy employs two methods for measuring NPS: 'relationship' and 'moment of truth'. The relationship approach is used to measure residential and business energy customers' advocacy. It measures the 'likelihood to recommend' at an overall brand level on a monthly basis by region and commodity where applicable.

The moment of truth approach is used to measure Home Services customers. Moment of truth measures the 'likelihood to recommend' at an overall brand level following a moment of truth customer interaction with respect to a service / maintenance visit and a furnace / air conditioning installation.

Scope

The North America Direct Energy (NA DE) NPS metric measures Direct Energy's residential and business energy customers and home services customers across Direct Energy's various operating regions. The table below outlines the scope of the metric and indicates the type of measurement used.



Table H - Scope of the metric and type of measurement used

Line of business	Measurement	Regions/Segments
Residential	Relationship	 Texas (Direct Energy Brand and Incumbent brands that include CPL Retail Energy, WTU Retail Energy and First Choice Power) Canada (Alberta Competitive only) USN region (continue to survey Direct Energy brands in CT, OH, PA, MI, MD, NY NJ IL, Gateway brand in NY and NJ. Vectren Source Brand in OH included after benchmarking in 2012. Energetix! And NYSEG Solutions Brands of NY Benchmarked in 2013, but not included in final score (inclusion is planned for 2014)
Business	Relationship	 US only (Canada dropped due to operating conditions similar to residential) Large, Medium and Small Commercial (excludes Small Commercial customers sourced via DER acquisition channels) customer base
Home Services	Moment of truth	 Canadian Home Services Airtron Clockwork Brands (One Hour Heating and Air, Benjamin Franklin Plumbing, Mister Sparky Electric) Added the acquired Home Warranty of America (HWA) brand in 2013 (HWA had a program it ran historically so we had benchmarked data from 2012)

Calculation methodology

An NPS score is calculated by each line of business. Calculations for Residential energy customers are first conducted on a regional basis to show an NPS regional score, and then combined with other regions using weightings based on customer count to produce a line of business NPS score.

Business energy customers are based on the brand survey in the US only. The score is then weighted at 65% for small and mid-sized companies and 35% for large-sized companies.

Home services customer scores simplified its weighting methodology in 2013. NPS Calculations are now done using the pure, unweighted scores from within each Line of Business. This results in an NPS score for each of the four business units. These four scores are in turn weighted based on customer count to come up with the consolidated DE Home Services score. For residential and business customers, scores are weighted regionally to account for different customer numbers across operating markets.

Each business' NPS score is calculated by adding all the promoters, divided by the rolling total sample for the last twelve months, and adding all the detractors, divided by the rolling total sample for the last twelve months. A score is produced by subtracting the percentage of promoters by the percentage of detractors and multiplying by 100.

The full NA DE NPS score is then calculated by multiplying each business' NPS score against a weighting and adding the totals together. The formula below shows the calculation:

NA DE NPS = (Residential NPS x 50%) + (Services NPS x 30%) + (Business NPS x 20%)

Deliverables - data and reporting

Data collection - relationship NPS

Data is collected through telephone interviews conducted by research agencies. Direct Energy provides the agencies with a random sample of DE customer records. Data management aligns to industry best practices with the research agency performing the cleaning to ensure no duplications exist. The agency



collates interview responses and provides data to the respective Direct Energy team (Residential data to the Customer insights team and Business to the Customer Experience committee team) who calculates the final NPS score (excluding don't know responses) with data being cleaned of errors and deduplicated.

Data collection - Moment of Truth Home Services NPS

For Canadian Home Service (CHS), data is collected through the daily execution of mail and email NPS surveys the day following the MOT customer interaction. All eligible customers (not on Do Not Contact list) with an email address are surveyed. For mail, a random 25% sample is selected for Service while 100% of Installs are selected. The mail vendor and email vendors deliver daily response files. The survey execution files and the response files are loaded daily to database tables. Derivation and reporting of NPS scores is performed by Customer Insights and Analytics team in Toronto by querying a database view table that consolidates the NPS database tables across all DES business units.

A similar process is followed for each of Clockwork and Airtron with the exception that only mail surveys are conducted for Airtron with 25% sampling of Service and 100% sampling of install. For Clockwork, mail surveys are executed only for the install customers who do not have an email address. Derivation and reporting of Clockwork and Airtron NPS scores is performed by Customer Insights and Analytics in Toronto team by querying the consolidated view table noted above.

For HWA/DEPP, an email survey is sent to every homeowner who had a claim in which a vendor (contractor) was assigned. The data is collected, and results of those surveys are stored in a various database tables. Every Monday an automated job queries the above referenced tables, and sends an encrypted NPS file to the Customer Insights and Analytics team in Toronto

Reporting timelines

The NA DE NPS is reported on monthly and on a rolling 12 month basis for each year. The metric is reported to management, corporate affairs and back to each business. The 2013 figure is based on results for the calendar year 1st January 2013 to 31st December 2013.

HWA provides a weekly response file to the Canadian Home Services Customer Relationship Management team to enable weekly and monthly reporting of DES business unit scores and a consolidated DES score.



Vulnerable households helped by British Gas initiatives

Description

The metric measures the total number of vulnerable households helped through British Gas initiatives. A 'vulnerable household' is where one or more of its residents are defined as 'vulnerable'.

Those households impacted are where a specific product or service is provided to help improve the service experienced or ensure the household is able to manage their gas or electric supply.

The broad industry definition of vulnerability agreed with Energy UK and the six major UK energy suppliers is:

A customer is vulnerable if for reasons of age, health, disability or severe financial insecurity, they are unable to safeguard their personal welfare or the personal welfare of other members of the household.

British Gas has defined more specific criteria to enable us to apply this framework. The criteria include any one of the following:

- Customers suffering from severe financial insecurity:
 - o Customers claiming Means Tested Benefits; and / or
 - Customers with a household income of < £16,010
 - Customers spending >10% household income on fuel per year for adequate heating (usually 21 degrees for the main living area, and 18 degrees for other occupied rooms)
- Age, disability or long term illness households with one or more of the following:
 - o Households with children aged 16 years or under;
 - o A household member of pensionable age;
 - o A household member who requires constant carer's assistance;
 - o Relies on mains powered medical equipment;
 - o Long term/chronic ill health including terminal illness e.g. cancer;
 - o Claiming disability benefits or registered disabled
- Customers suffering from severe stress or any other mental health problems:
 - o People living with dementia (Alzheimer's is the most common form)
 - Very confused or stressed and unable to understand basic information, hold a normal conversation or make a decision

Products and services available to vulnerable customers may differ, depending on the vulnerability criteria being met.

For customers who are identified as vulnerable, an indicator is added to their gas and / or electricity account to ensure their status is recognised in future interactions, and as a trigger for our agents to offer appropriate products and services that the customer may be entitled to, or in need of. Customer status is periodically reassessed. Once identified as "vulnerable", a customer is reported as fitting this definition until such a periodic assessment has been performed and concluded that the customer household no longer meets this definition.

Calculation methodology

Unit of measure

Total number of households that benefited in 2014 from one or more of British Gas' social programmes designed to assist vulnerable customers.

Scope

The metric covers British Gas residential customers and programmes. Each of the seven vulnerable customer programmes that British Gas offers are shown below, including the products offered within each. Data is sourced from these products to produce the metric.



Table I – British Gas Vulnerable customer programmes

1. Debt Customers

Products which support vulnerable households suffering from debt. These products differ for the energy they receive (e.g. electricity or gas). Customers are considered in debt with outstanding arrears of greater than 28 days. PAYGE customers are identified where a debt was added to their meter at the point of meter exchange from credit to prepayment. Fuel Direct supports customers on certain benefits to repay their debt. A weekly repayment value is agreed with Department for Work and Pensions, and with the customer's permission.

2. British Gas Energy Trust (BGET)

Grants to help vulnerable customers manage their energy debt.

3. Home Energy Care scheme

HEC (Home Energy Care) scheme (also known as PSR or Priority Service Register) provides additional help to customers who are elderly, disabled or on long term sick; as well as those on means tested benefits with children under 5. Forms of help include bills in alternative formats, annual free gas safety checks and specially designed appliance controls.

This year, the Extra Care flag has been removed from the metrics used in the number of vulnerable households helped report. The rationale behind this is following system updates in 2014, an autopopulation process was introduced to the Extra Care flag which now covers too broad a category to truly reflect whether help has been provided to a vulnerable customer. To include this statistic would inflate the overall number of households significantly and we do not see this as being helpful or realistic of the work the business does to truly support vulnerable customers. This has been approved by Bryan Halliday, Director of Sustainability and the Accountable Person for Vulnerable Customers.

4. Energy Efficiency

Customers can have insulation and / or a boiler installed to help with managing their energy use.

5. Benefits Assessment / Income Maximisation

Customers on low income are offered advice and guidance on eligibility and application for government benefit.

6. Vulnerable Customers Off Supply

Where customers are without fuel due to faulty meter or card / key, a visit is undertaken to get them back onto supply within four hours where practicable to do so. This service is measured in terms of successful visits / measures (some measures may include providing alternative sources of heat or cooking or paying for a taxi to stay at a relative's house).

7. Warm Home Discount Scheme

Customers who qualify for a one off payment to help with their electricity fuel costs. Customers are either identified by data sharing with Department for Work and Pensions, who notify suppliers of Pension Credit recipients (criteria changes each year). This is known as the Core Group. Suppliers also have their own Broader Group Scheme, with criteria which is approved by Ofgem. These customers are assessed for the Scheme either verbally, or via an application form, and once qualified, will receive a payment equal to that of Core Group customers.

Data collection, quality and reporting frequency

Data collection and quality

Data is collected for the seven programmes from eight individuals. The customer data for each of these programmes is sent to data analytics. Etiquette marketing database is used to match the addresses against those held in the database and perform any de-duplications. Where more than one product is assigned to one house, the figure is consolidated to produce a total number of unique households.

Reporting frequency

Some of the individual vulnerable customer products are collated and reported monthly, but the metric for all vulnerable customer programmes and products is measured on a half-yearly basis.



Smart meter installations (residential and business customers)

Description

British Gas installs smart meters in UK homes and businesses as part of the national meter installation programme replacing standard electricity and gas meters in the UK with new smart metering devices. The installation of smart meters in homes and businesses are done through separate programmes. This metric measures the installations in both programmes to produce to a combined total figure of smart meters installed by British Gas.

Calculation methodology

Unit of Measure

The absolute volume of installed electricity or gas smart meters in residential properties and the absolute volume of installed smart and advanced metering devices in businesses.

Scope

The smart meter installation figure is a composite metric covering electricity and gas smart meter installations in residential properties in the UK, excluding Scottish Islands and Northern Ireland, and the installation of electricity advanced meters and gas dataloggers in UK businesses.

The cumulative total of the smart meters installed for residential and business customers since the start of the programme in 2009 until the end of 2014 was 1,736,323. Of this, only data since 1 July 2011, totalling 1,369,011 installations, has been subject to external assurance due to the availability of evidence for smart meters installed by third party Commercial Meter Operators.

Prior to October 2010, 182,683 meters were installed for residential customers by third party Commercial Meter Operators (CMO). This data was not externally assured as evidence was not available due to the historic nature of the data and the cessation of relationships with the CMO. From October 2010 to July 2011 the installation was transitioned in-house with all meters installed by British Gas from 1 July 2011. Data for installations by British Gas, totalling 1,074,088, has been subject to external assurance.

For business customers, all meters are installed by third party providers. Prior to July 2011, the data only included installations where customers had been directly referred by British Gas, thereby excluding customers who went to the third party for installation directly. Since 1 July 2011, data reporting processes have been amended to include installations for all business customers. Data prior to July 2011, totalling 184,629, has not been subject to external assurance. Data for installations from July 2011, totalling 294,923, has been subject to review by our external assurance providers.

	Pre July 2011 (not	Post July 2011	Total
	assured)	(assured)	
British Gas Business	184,629	294,923	
British Gas Residential	182,683	1,074,088	
Total	367,312	1,369,011	1,736,323

For residential properties, the measure includes meters installed directly by British Gas and meters installed by CMO acting on behalf of British Gas. CMO ceased installations on behalf of British Gas in 2011. Table A outlines the reporting scope in more detail for the installation of smart meters in residential properties. Included in residential volumes are smart meter installations completed where the meter is not functioning in smart meter mode. An early view of the size in 2015 reflected 17.4k properties that have smart assets installed that are not functioning as smart.

For business properties, the measure includes meters installed directly for sites supplied by British Gas, as well as those where the meter has been provided to a non-energy supply British Gas customer for purpose of Energy Analytic propositions and services that British Gas provides. Tables B and C outline in more detail the reporting scope for the installation of smart meters in business properties.



Table A – Reporting scope for smart meter installations in residential properties (BGR)

In Reporting Scope	Out of Scope
Smart Electricity Meter installed by British Gas	In Home Device (IHD) Installation / Exchange
Smart Meters (BGSM)	
Smart Gas Meter installed by BGSM	Newly acquired customers with smart device
·	installed by another supplier
Smart Electricity Meter installed by CMO	
Smart Gas Meter installed by CMO	
Smart Meters installed as new connections	
Smart Meters installed in place of existing Dumb	
Meter	
Smart Meters installed to replace faulty meters as a	
result of an emergency	

Table B – British Gas Business (BGB) only - Reporting Scope (Electricity)

In Reporting Scope	Out of Scope
Smart meters installed as part of BGB programme	Newly acquired customers with a smart device
to replace standard meters	installed by another supplier
Smart meters installed as new	
connections/upgrades	
Smart meters installed to replace faulty meters as a	
result of an emergency	

Table C – BGB only - Reporting Scope (Gas)

In Reporting Scope	Out of Scope
Dataloggers installed as part of BGB programme to	Newly acquired customers with a smart device
upgrade standard meters	installed by another supplier
Dataloggers installed where BGB providing smart	
services but are not the supplier	
Dataloggers installed to replace faulty dataloggers	
as a result of an emergency	

Calculation methodology

The total smart meter installation figure is a summation of the installations in residential and business properties. The calculations of both components are outlined below.

Residential

Total smart meters installed = Total gas smart meters installed + total electricity smart meters installed.

Business

Total smart meters installed = Total volume of electricity advanced meters installed + total volume of gas smart meter or dataloggers installed.

- Where British Gas (BG) is the energy supplier to the customer, the installation is identified and recorded at the earliest point of receipt of industry dataflow (D0150) indicating a smart meter is on site. These installations have been ratified against confirmations received from the meter installer via 3rd party reports.
- All smart gas or datalogger installations are identified and recorded following confirmation from the meter installer of the install via 3rd party weekly reports.

Data Quality

For residential installations, a record of the installation is recorded in SAP, via H1 Handheld terminal. Any connectivity issues leading to potentially inaccurate data in SAP is amended by the Site Support team in SAP and within an externally maintained database to ensure accurate reporting.



For business installations, figures for electricity are only recognised through receipt of formal industry dataflow D0150 that indicate to the rest of the industry that a smart meter is present on site. Where a Gas smart meter or datalogger has been installed, it is confirmed through agent reports. The overall installation figures are reconciled in December with our strategic install partners through these routes.

Data collection

Detailed outlines of the collection for residential installations can be found in Table D and for business installations in Table E.

Table D – data collection for residential installations

Source	Provider	Fuel	Frequency	Purpose	Assumptions
SAP	British Gas	Gas/Elec	Daily	Data for British Gas field operation	All Smart Meters identified by Service Order Description (i.e. type of job booked)
Tracker Database	British Gas	Gas/Elec	Daily	Additional data for operations not updated successfully in SAP. These are retrospectively captured within SAP. Approximately 4% of operations	Data is manually edited by Site Support team. All Smart Meters identified by Service Order Description (i.e. type of job booked)

Table E – data collection for business installations

Source	Provider	Fuel	Frequency	Purpose	Assumptions
Industry DataFlows (D0150)	Meter Operator	Elec	Daily	Industry confirmation of smart meter installation	All Smart Meters identified through a combination of Make/Model (begins with "EDMI") and Meter Serial Number (begins with "E")
Agent Weekly Report	Meter Installer	Elec	Weekly/An nually	Confirmation of all installs completed on behalf of British Gas	Meter Installer confirmation of smart installation for British Gas led installations. Does not include details for non-led installations such as faulty meters
Agent Weekly Report	Meter Installer	Gas	Weekly/An nually	Confirmation of all installs completed on behalf of British Gas	Meter installer confirmation of smart meter or advanced metering device (datalogger) for British Gas led installations.



Employee engagement

Description

Employee Engagement is defined as 'an emotional state driven by individuals' perception of different components within an organisation, which in turn has a measurable impact on business performance.' It is generally measured annually, by an external provider (Centrica currently uses ETS plc) via a survey delivered either online or via paper copy to all employees. In some instances it is also appropriate to include some contractors and third party employees.

Calculation methodology

The employee engagement score takes the mean of six questions which represent the "feel" and "Do" elements of the ETS model. The final engagement score is calculated by taking the average of the means of each of the six engagement questions.

Employees are asked to respond to six specific questions:

Feel:

I feel passionate about the job I'm doing I am proud to work for (Brand Name)

I feel a strong sense of commitment for (Brand Name)

Do:

I am motivated by my business area to do the best job I can I tell others outside this company the great things about working here I intend to be working at (Brand Name) in one year's time

The questions are answered using a 6 point scale:

- 1. Strongly Disagree
- 2. Disagree
- 3. Slightly Disagree
- 4. Slightly Agree
- 5. Agree
- 6. Strongly Agree

Scope

In 2014, all direct Centrica employees were invited to complete the Centrica Employee Engagement survey with the exception of British Gas where only a representative sample was invited to take part. A different approach was taken in British Gas this year because the actions agreed after the 2013 survey are still being actioned and it was agreed that a 'temperature check' survey to track progress was appropriate as actions were unlikely to change.

The administration of the survey is agreed annually and is generally administered annually unless otherwise agreed by the Centrica Executive Committee (CEC). The survey generally runs for three weeks.

Timeframe

In 2014, the survey ran at slightly different times and to slightly different durations to accommodate the needs of each business.

Centrica Storage, Centrica Energy, and British Gas Business ran the survey for longer than other brands to accommodate the shift pattern of their employees

Business	Survey opened	Survey closed
Centrica Storage and	18 Aug	03 Oct (online)
Centrica Energy (some sites)	_	10 Oct (paper)
PH Jones	27 Aug	03 Oct (online)
	_	10 Oct (paper)



Direct Energy	15 Sept	03 Oct (online)
		10 Oct (paper)
Bord Gáis Energy	15 Sept	03 Oct
Centrica Corporate Centre	15 Sept	03 Oct
British Gas	15 Sept	03 Oct (online)
		10 Oct (paper)
Centrica Energy (remaining	15 Sep	
sites)		

Exclusions

The overall Centrica engagement index excludes contractors, third party and agency staff and also excludes Bord Gáis Energy and DE Astrum (two very newly acquired businesses). However where contractor and third party staff provide a significant contribution to business operations some of the Centrica businesses do include agency and third party staff. Results are presented, and clearly labelled, as including or excluding contractors and third party staff appropriately.

Languages and Geography

The survey was administered primarily in English with a small number being printed in Vietnamese (46) and Spanish (83). Translation of which was a joint approach between ETS - who conducted the initial translation, and a representative from the appropriate business area, who reviewed and signed off the translations.

The primary countries of distribution are:
United Kingdom
Norway
The Netherlands
Trinidad and Tobago
America
Canada
Ireland

Data quality, collection and reporting frequency

Data Quality

Employee data for all Centrica employees, including the organisational hierarchy is initially extracted from the Centrica SAP database. This data is then checked, verified and updated manually by teams placed within each business to ensure accuracy.

The survey is administered primarily on-line, however where employees do not have online access, paper copies of the survey are also printed and either locally distributed or posted directly to home addresses. ETS invite employees to take part, either via an e-mail invitation or by a paper copy of the survey delivered either to the local office or to home addresses.

Collection

To maintain anonymity responses are captured directly by ETS, either via the online survey, or posted, freepost directly back to ETS.

Reporting Frequency

Reports are developed annually for the CEC and leadership teams. Detailed reports, down to individual manager level, are cascaded throughout each business. With the exception of British Gas each manager who receives 5 or more responses against their team code receives their own tailored manager report. Manager reports were excluded for British Gas managers this year because only a proportion of employees were invited to take part and there was no intact hierarchy to reliably create line manager reports. This was agreed by the British Gas HR Leadership Team.



Total Carbon Emissions

Description

Centrica's total carbon emissions are important non-financial indicators for the company and are included in both Centrica's Annual and Corporate Responsibility reports.

The reporting of the company's total carbon emissions demonstrates our understanding of our greenhouse gas (GHG) footprint, a pre-requisite for the successful management of such emissions and enables comparison with other companies.

Reporting methodology

Unit of measure

Tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e)

Scope and organisational boundaries

Centrica has committed to reporting its total carbon emissions based on the Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions from all wholly owned or partially owned reporting entities across the group¹. This encompasses all global activities associated with our brands, British Gas, Centrica Energy, Centrica Storage, Direct Energy and Bord Gais Energy. Where Centrica has only part equity in a reporting entity, (e.g. joint ventures), the emissions are pro-rated to reflect Centrica's share. This equity share approach to our organisational boundaries is an approach supported by the GHG Protocol. It is intended that the reporting approach aligns as closely as possible with the financial accounting approach used in the same reports. This enables the relationship between carbon and financial performance to be compared directly.

Companies in the oil and gas industry often have particularly complex organisation structures as is the case with our gas and oil exploration and production business. Whilst Centrica follows the equity share approach described by the GHG Protocol; we also draw from the IPIECA guidelines², to assist in the application of the GHG Protocol to these complex organisational structures (IPIECA is the global oil and gas industry association for environmental and social issues). Section 3.2.1 of the IPIECA guidelines interprets the GHG Protocol equity approach for the oil and gas industry as below:

Because these guidelines recommend that the selected organizational boundary (equity share, operational control or financial control) be applied at the reporting unit level, all of the emissions from sources in assets managed by the company's reporting units are used as the basis for consolidation without regard to whether specific emission sources are owned or leased. The emissions sources in assets managed by the company's reporting units are accounted for as Scope 1 emissions and would be consolidated as part of the total emissions of the reporting unit following the method the company selected for establishing its organizational boundaries.

Therefore Centrica applies the company's equity share to the organisation that controls the assets and not the assets themselves. Hence, where the organisation has contractually exclusive use of assets such as operating and financial leased properties, vehicles and platforms, these are included within Scope 1 and 2 (Sub-leases are excluded irrelevant of their lease type). For consistency, this approach is applied to all the company's business units and not just the oil and gas parts of the business.

Note, this approach is a slight departure from the GHG Protocol's stated approach where only assets that are financial or capital leases are included under the equity share control approach, but it is considered the most transparent and appropriate approach for Centrica.

A calendar year reporting period is adopted for GHG reporting i.e.1st January to 31st December. This aligns with the company's financial reporting periods.

² Petroleum Industry Guidelines for Reporting Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Second Edition): May 2011



Basis of Reporting 2014 reporting

¹ Note: Where an entity is operated as a component of another entity and the environmental regulators treat the facilities as a whole, they are reported as a single reporting entity at the equity of the main facility.

Materiality

For entities and assets, in which we have equity, all material GHG emissions are reported. However, GHG emissions not material to the business are only reported when they are readily available, including, where Centrica is the operator of the asset. The criterion for material emissions is dependent on the central business of the asset, as summarised in Appendix B. This is consistent with ISO 14064-1³.

This materiality approach is applied across the whole organisation, but to date, it is only the non-operated offshore oil and gas production assets where non-material GHG emissions are omitted. These omitted emissions equate to approximately 0.1% of the company's Scope 1 emissions.

Acquisitions and Divestments

Centrica will at times acquire businesses. From a practical perspective it takes time for these businesses to be fully integrated into the company. As such, we do not report on new acquisitions until after a complete six month period has passed. Where the environmental performance data is obtained sooner it will be included in the company reporting.

Where Centrica divests a business, we will typically report the emissions up to the point of sale. However where the divestment occurs at the beginning of a reporting period, the practicalities of collecting the data typically outweigh the value of the data. As such, reporting of divestments during the divestment reporting period is not required if the unreported emissions do not exceed 7% of the reporting entities estimated annual emissions; and 5% at the gross organisational level emissions.⁴

Greenhouse Gas Emission Sources

The GHG emissions include emissions from:

Scope 1

- The combustion of fossil fuels in the premises, vehicles, equipment and machinery owned/controlled⁵ by the reporting entity⁶
- The leakage or escape of GHG emissions from the above

Scope 2

• The GHG emissions associated with the electricity, heat and steam we import for use in our premises, vehicles, equipment and machinery

Greenhouse gasses are defined in section 92 of the Climate Change Act 2008 (c. 27) as carbon dioxide (CO_2), methane (CH_4), nitrous oxide (N_2O), hydrofluorocarbons (HFCS), perfluorocarbons (PFCS) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF_6).

Other GHG's including HCFC's are also captured and reported where relevant.

In accordance with the GHG Protocol, greenhouse gases that are released during the combustion of biologically sequestered carbon (biomass and biofuels) are reported as a separate line of the Scope 1 emissions. Currently the company has low volumes of stationary biofuels and biomass consumption, in addition to the biofuel component of UK vehicle petrol and diesel which will also be captured in this separate line. This additional line is excluded from the Total Carbon Emissions metric

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Basis of Reporting 2014 reporting

³ BS ISO 14064-1 states "The organisation may exclude from quantification direct or indirect GHG sources or sinks whose contribution to GHG emissions or removals is not material or whose quantification would not be technically feasible or cost effective."

⁴ These thresholds are adapted from the ISO 14064 -3 Specification with guidance for the validation and verification of greenhouse gas assertions

⁵ Owned can mean owned or exclusively leased by the reporting entity (refer below).

⁶ The equity approach is applied to the reporting entity and does not necessarily reflect the actual ownership of the assets used by that reporting entity. For example, we lease many of the offices and vehicles that we use, but we report them as scope 1 and apportion the emissions based on the equity we have in the reporting entity that uses them.

Table G below, details which emissions are in scope:

Table G – Scope 1 & 2 Emissions

In scope

Out of scope

Offices and Depots

Scope 1

Emissions from offices that we wholly or partially own or lease

- Gas use
- Diesel use
- Refrigerant leakage

Scope 2

Emissions from offices that we wholly or partially own or lease

 Imported power (whether from Centrica or other supplier)

Scope 1

Emissions from offices that we sub-lease to others Biofuels used onsite to generate heat and power for on and offsite use. (Sequestered carbon is excluded from the TCE metric, but is reported as a separate line of our Scope 1 emissions)

Scope 2

Emissions from offices that we sub-lease to others

In scope Out of scope

Fleet

Scope 1

Emissions from:

- Commercial fleet vehicles owned or leased by Centrica
- Company cars (business travel only via mileage expenses or fuel card records)
- Rental cars where the fuel is claimed back as expensed mileage (typically where it is a temporary company car)

Scope 1

Emissions from:

- Contractor's vehicles
 - Personal mileage in company cars, including commuting
 - Rental car fuel use unless claimed back as expensed mileage
 - Grey Fleet (personally owned cars used for company business)
 - Emissions from biofuels in forecourt fuel

Power Generation Reporting Entities

Scope 1

Emissions from power generating entities where we have equity:

- Carbon dioxide (CO₂) from fuel combustion & fugitive emissions
- Fugitive GHG (incl. methane (CH₄) from gas turbines, Sulphur Hexafluoride (SF6) leakage, fugitive natural gas emissions, refrigerant leakage (HFCS and PFCS); and emissions of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O))

Scope 1

Emissions below the materiality threshold (see Appendix B)



Scope 2 Imported power for plant consumption (whether from Centrica or other supplier)	Scope 2 Emissions from power purchased for resale i.e. Tolling and Power Purchase Agreements (PPA ⁷)	
Hydrocarbon Production Reporting Entities		
Scope 1	Scope 1	
 GHG emissions from reporting entities where we have equity: Carbon dioxide (CO₂) from fuel combustion including flaring Venting and fugitive GHG (incl. methane (CH₄) from gas turbines, Carbon dioxide (CO₂) from hydrocarbon 	Emissions below the materiality threshold (see Appendix B)	

Scope 2 n/a

processing, Sulphur Hexafluoride (SF₆) leakage, fugitive natural gas emissions, refrigerant leakage (HFCS and PFCS); and emissions of Nitrous Oxide (N₂O)

Imported power for plant (whether from Centrica or other supplier)

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⁷ PPA and Tolling agreements, as well as open market power purchases, are Scope 3 emissions and therefore outside of the Scope of this BoR, even though the financial gains from them are included in our financial accounts.

Calculation methodology

Scope 1 - Direct GHG Emissions

Scope 1 emissions are the sum of:

- 1. EU Emission Trading Scheme [EU ETS] values where available. Where reporting entities are not part of the EU ETS scheme, including in North America, the equivalent to the EU ETS is calculated. This being the sum of GHG emissions from fossil fuel combustion (including flaring)
- 2. Plant fugitive and venting GHG emissions
- 3. Fleet and property combustion and refrigerant emissions

Site specific emission factors are used where available and when there is site specific variation (e.g. unprocessed natural gas) to convert activity data into GHGs. Where there is negligible site specific variation, standard emission factors, from published sources are applied, including:

- The Greenhouse Gas Protocol Revised Edition from the WRI and WBCSD
- Guidelines to DEFRA/DECC's GHG Conversion Factors for Company Reporting by DEFRA
- United States Energy Information Administration (EIA)
- eGrid
- Environment Canada 'National Inventory Report 1990-2006'

Where activity data is submitted in energy units (e.g. kWh of gas consumption), the emission factor is based on the assumption that the energy units are the gross calorific value, unless specified otherwise. This is based on natural gas suppliers typically quoting gas consumption in gross energy units and natural gas being the main fuel source used.

Scope 2: Electricity indirect GHG emissions

Scope 2 GHG emissions are from the generation of purchased electricity, heat or steam consumed by the company. Centrica currently imports neither heat nor steam. Purchased electricity is defined as electricity that is purchased or otherwise brought into the organisational boundary of the company. Scope 2 emissions physically occur at the facility where electricity is generated.

The DEFRA Total Direct GHG one-year average is used to calculate the carbon emissions of our imported power for UK and Rest of World (DEFRA provide values for all countries). The United States of America emission factors are sourced from the latest Emissions & Generation Resource Integrated Database eGRID Summary Tables. The Canadian emission factors are sourced from Environment Canada Electricity Intensity Tables.

In the UK, where we purchase grid power from ourselves, we could justifiably use Centrica's own (lower) power carbon intensity to calculate GHG emissions for this imported power. Moreover, as we already report the emissions associated with power generation within the Scope 1 emissions of our exporting assets, it could be argued that we are double counting the same emissions in the Scope 2 emissions of our importing assets. A solution would be to report our Scope 2 emissions as zero in these cases or remove the relevant emissions from our Scope 1 totals. However, we have retained the approach of reporting our Scope 2 emissions as if they are imported from another generating organisation using the countries' standard grid emission factors. This ensures transparent accounting of our total Scope 1 and 2 emissions and enables trends in our imported electricity consumption to be understood.

Almost 70% of the power we purchase for our UK sites is 100% Agreed Renewable Source Electricity, which is therefore theoretically, zero carbon. However, we take the conservative approach of applying the UK year average emission factor to it; this is consistent with UK government guidance.



Data quality, collection and reporting frequency

Data quality

All the data is submitted in the *ourEnvironment* software system by the business units, sites or associated functions.

In the *ourEnvironment* system, all the Scope 1 and 2 Indicators have a tolerance check activated, where the value entered must be within 50% of the value for the same period in the previous year. Where the value is +/- 50% of the previous value, an explanatory comment must be made and/or supporting documentation attached.

All emissions are to be submitted in accordance with the Group Procedure for Environmental Reporting. This includes:

- The data being provided in the time frames required
- The most accurate data at the time of submission to be used, following the hierarchy of accuracy (direct measurement, if not then calculation, if not then estimation)
- Records to be maintained on site to provide an audit trail

The EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) emissions are externally verified annually and represent almost half of our total Scope 1 emissions. Hence where there is an EU ETS value, it is used. This maximises the integrity of the total Scope 1. However, the EU ETS emissions data are subject to annual verification during March/April of the following year. When the total carbon emissions are reported externally by Centrica prior to receiving the EU ETS verification, the emissions are caveated to that extent. In the compilation of the EU ETS values, two approaches are used:

- Unverified emissions calculations calculated internally based on gas chromatography samples of actual gas consumed at sites; and
- Verified emissions calculations evaluated annually using the finalised internal view of emissions for the calendar year and then verified by an accredited third party for compliance with the EU ETS.

GHG emissions associated with office fuel use and vehicle emissions are not covered by EU ETS, however the majority of these emissions are covered by the assurance for the Carbon Trust Standard. The UK office GHG emissions are also covered by the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme.

The group totals are compiled by Centrica Group Environment with sign off from:

- 1. Group Environmental Reporting Manager
- 2. Group Head of Environment
- 3. Group Director of Health, Safety, Environment and Security

Assumptions

The GHG emission methodologies and associated assumptions are included in Tables H.



Table H – Calculations and assumptions

UK and Europ	ean Building and V	ehicle Emissions (inc	cluding Ireland)	
Category	Source	Calculation	Emission factors	Assumptions
Buildings				
Electricity	Solely occupied sites: meter readings validated against bills	Consumption (kWh) x emission factor	DEFRA's One-year Average	n/a
	Serviced offices: calculated using average Centrica power use per FTE	Average Centrica European power use per FTE x FTE in office x emission factor	As above	There will be a lower rate of improvement in the serviced offices; therefore an average (2009) Centrica power use/FTE value is applied to all years
Gas	'Green' Electricity Solely occupied sites: meter readings validated against bills	Treated the same as othe Consumption (kWh) x emission factor	DEFRA's Gross Calorific Value	n/a
	Serviced offices: calculated using average Centrica gas use per FTE	Average Centrica European gas use per FTE x FTE in office x emission factor	As above	There will be a lower rate of improvement in the serviced offices; therefore an average (2009) Centrica gas use/FTE value is applied to all years
Mineral diesel consumption x emission factor	Gas oil fuel for office plant	Fuel consumption x emission factor	DEFRA gas oil emission factor	n/a
Commercial	Fuel card data	Fuel volume (I) x emission factor	DEFRA Total Direct GHG emission factor relevant to forecourt fuel type	All Fleet activity is for business purposes
Company cars	Expenses data provided by external HR provider	Mileage (m) x emission factor	Vehicle-specific manufacturer's tail-pipe emission factors (where this is not available an emission factor, based on a Centrica UK average by vehicle type, is used)	Mileage claims are accurate
	Fuel card data	Volume (I) x emission factor	DEFRA Total Direct GHG emission factor relevant to forecourt fuel type	47% of fuel use is private and therefore excluded (based on reviews in 2010/11)

North Ame	erican – Building an	d Vehicle Emissions		
Category	Source	Calculation	Emission factors	Assumptions
Buildings				
Electricity	Solely occupied sites: meter readings validated against bills	Consumption (kWh) x location specific emission factors	Emissions & Generation Resource Integrated Database eGRID Year 2010 Summary Tables Environment Canada Electricity Intensity Tables 2008 data	n/a
	Serviced offices: square footage and type	Square footage x consumption rate (by property type) x state/province emission factor	(as above) Consumption rates (by location and building type) from Energy Information Administration (EIA)	n/a
Gas	Solely occupied sites: meter readings validated against bills.	Consumption (m ³) x gas emission factor	United States Energy Information Administration (EIA)	n/a
	Serviced offices: square footage and type	Square footage x consumption rate (by property type) x gas emission factor	Consumption rates (by building type) from EIA	n/a
Fleet				I.
Commercial	Fuel card data	Fuel volume (I) x emission factor	US EPA Table 2: Mobile Combustion CO2 Emission Factors	All Fleet activity is for business purposes
			Canada Environment National Inventory Report (2011) c2013,	

Power Gene	ration Emissions			
Category	Source	Calculation	Emission factors	Assumptions
Fuel Consumpt	tion for EU ETS sites			-
EU ETS of gas fuelled power stations	Provided bi-annually Verified emissions data provided annually by an accredited third party	Sum of emission volumes in tonnes, across months, and across all reporting entities	Site specific dependent on analysis of calorific value of fuel used	Unverified emissions, are derived from gas consumption, and are indicative until verified emissions are available.
Nuclear Emissions	Power Business Development, Centrica Energy	Nuclear power stations have low, but not zero emissions, as a result of standby combustion plant. Centrica does not have sight of these emissions pre verification, and as such, for the purposes of the CI metric, assume a carbon intensity of 0.57g/kWh. In addition to combustion GHG emissions, there are vented CO ₂ emissions and imported power consumption	The 0.57g/kWh is an assumption based on historical intensities Pro-rated for partially owned assets to reflect Centrica's equity	Emissions, are derived from prudent assumptions, and are indicative until confirmed emissions are available from the operator.
Fuel Consumpt	tion for non-EU ETS sites			
Natural gas/ diesel/fuel oil consumption	Provided in ourEnvironment bi- annually for the preceding 6 months	Gas consumption meter readings (energy units) x gross emission factor (site specific if available, otherwise published) Diesel and Fuel oil (volume x published emission factor)	Vary depending on geography and year and published or site specific	In the case of diesel and fuel oil, reported volumes may be based on delivery volumes or consumption
Fugitive Emiss	ions			
Methane from Gas turbines	Provided in ourEnvironment bi- annually for the preceding 6 months	Start-up/Shut down: Gas volume x duration Unburnt during combustion: Gas volume x Emission factor	Methane (CH ₄) 100 year Global Warming Potential (GWP) IPCC's Second Assessment Report: 21	Assumes all natural gas is methane

Fugitive gas emissions	Provided in ourEnvironment biannually for the preceding 6 months	Calculation using gas composition, flow volume, size, design and age of facility (often calculation); or, calculated based on estimated gas escapes that result in exterior gas alarms being activated	Methane (CH ₄) 100 year Global Warming Potential (GWP) IPCC's Second Assessment Report: 21	Assumes all natural gas is methane
Category	Source	Calculation	Emission factors	Assumptions
Fugitive Emiss	ions continued			
Fugitive Sulphur Hexaflouride (SF ₆)	Provided in ourEnvironment biannually for the preceding 6 months	Top-up weight from SF ₆ maintenance records	SF ₆ 100 year Global Warming Potential (GWP) IPCC's Second Assessment Report: 23,900	That the quantity required for system top-up equals the volumes lost through leakage
Nitrous Oxide (N ₂ O) emissions from fossil fuel combustion	Provided in ourEnvironment biannually for the preceding 6 months	(Fuel volume x Environment Agency emission factors) x N₂O GWP	N ₂ O 100 year Global Warming Potential (GWP) IPCC's Second Assessment Report: 310	NA
HFCs & PFCs where relevant	Provided in ourEnvironment biannually for the preceding 6 months	Top-up weight from maintenance records	HFC and PFC 100 year Global Warming Potential (GWP) IPCC's Second Assessment Report: various	That the quantity required for system top-up equals the volumes lost through leakage
R-22	Provided in ourEnvironment biannually for the preceding 6 months	Calculated from top-up records	HCFC Global Warming Potential (GWP) IPCC's Fourth Assessment Report HCFC-R22: 1810	That the quantity required for system top-up equals the volumes lost through leakage

Gas Production	n and Storage Facilitie	es		
Category	Source	Calculation	Emission factors	Assumptions
Fuel Consumption	n for EU ETS sites			
Verified EU ETS	Provided bi-annually by the business units Verified emissions data provided annually by an accredited third party	Sum of emission volumes in tonnes, across months, and across all reporting entities	Site specific dependent on analysis of calorific value of fuel used	Unverified emissions, are derived from gas consumption, and are indicative until verified emissions are available.
	r Non EU ETS sites)	T -		1
Natural gas/ diesel/Fuel oil consumption	Provided in ourEnvironment biannually for the preceding 6 months	Gas consumption meter readings (energy units x gross emission factor (site specific if available, otherwise published) Diesel and Fuel oil (volume x published emission factor)	Natural Gas emission factors vary depending on geography and year and published or site specific	In the case of diesel and fuel oil, reported volumes may be based on delivery volumes or consumption For non ETS, non-operated assets the fuel volumes by their nature will be small. The actual volume consumed is typically difficult to obtain and therefore estimated volumes may be used, based on similar operated assets
Flaring	Provided in ourEnvironment biannually for the preceding 6 months	Flow meters x emission factor; or calculation based on production	Site specific dependent on analysis of calorific value of fuel used	n/a
Venting and Fugit	ive Emissions			
Fugitive gas emissions	Provided in ourEnvironment biannually for the preceding 6 months	Calculation using gas composition, flow volume, size, design and age of facility (often calculation	Methane (CH ₄) 100 year Global Warming Potential (GWP) IPCC's Second Assessment Report: 21	Assumes all natural gas is methane
Nitrous Oxide (N ₂ O) emissions from fossil fuel	Provided in ourEnvironment biannually for the	(Fuel volume x Environment Agency emission factors) xN₂O GWP	N2O 100 year Global Warming Potential (GWP) IPCC's Fourth	n/a

combustion	preceding 6 months		Assessment Report: 310	
Category	Source	Calculation	Emission factors	Assumptions
Venting and Fugiti	ve Emissions continued			
HFCs & PFCs where relevant	Provided in ourEnvironment bi- annually for the preceding 6 months	Top-up weight from maintenance records	Various based on GWP sources from DEFRA's latest conversion factors	That the quantity required for system top-up equals the volumes lost through leakage
R-22	Provided in ourEnvironment bi- annually for the preceding 6 months	Measurement of inventory levels	GWP from latest DEFRA conversion factors	That the quantity required for system top-up equals the volumes lost through leakage
Methane from Nitrogen Removal Units	Provided in ourEnvironment bi- annually for the preceding 6 months	Flow meters [volume] x spot sampling (concentration)*x GWP	Methane (CH ₄) 100 year Global Warming Potential (GWP) IPCC's Second Assessment Report: 21	Assumes concentration does not vary between spot samples
Carbon Dioxide from Thermal Oxidisers	Provided in ourEnvironment bi- annually for the preceding 6 months	Flow meters x CO ₂ concentration (based on spot samples)	N/A	Assumes concentration does not vary between spot samples

Appendix A – Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
Greenhouse Gas	The six greenhouse gases (GHGs) listed in the Kyoto Protocol (CO ₂ ,
(GHG)	CH ₄ , N ₂ O, HFCs, PFCs and SF ₆).
Total carbon	Gross Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions based on stated
emissions	organisational boundary.
Scope 1	A reporting organisation's direct GHG emissions.
Scope 2	A reporting organisation's emissions associated with the generation of electricity, heating/ cooling, or steam purchased for own consumption.
Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e)	The universal unit of measurement to indicate the global warming potential (GWP) of each of the six greenhouse gases, expressed in terms of the GWP of one unit of carbon dioxide. It is used to evaluate releasing (or avoiding releasing) different greenhouse gases against a common basis.
tCO ₂ e	Metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (refer above)
Equity Share	Percentage of Centrica's ownership within an entity which reflects the extent of the financial risks and rewards of the entity we are entitled to.
Reporting Entity	The level that the equity share is applied. Ensuring that this is at the level appropriate to fairly and accurately reflect our investments.
Exclusive use of	In most cases 'Owned' is where we own or have exclusive use of an
asset	asset. However in the case of buildings and vehicles, the term
	'owned' covers where we use all or part of them for the long term.
EU ETS	European Union Emission Trading Scheme
CO ₂	Carbon Dioxide
CH₄	Methane
N ₂ O	Nitrous Oxide
SF ₆	Sulphur Hexafluoride
HFCS	Hydrofluorocarbons
HCFC	Hydrochlorofluorocarbon
PFCS	Perfluorocarbons
Grey Fleet	Private cars used on business
CFC	Chlorofluorocarbon
CRC	Carbon Reduction Commitment

Appendix B – Material and Immaterial Emissions

Centrica reports all material GHG emissions from our wholly owned or partially owned reporting entities across the group. Immaterial emissions are reported when they are readily available, for example, where Centrica is also the operator of the asset.

Table C below, identifies what are considered the material and immaterial emission sources for different business activities.

Table C - Materiality by Business Activity

Business activity	Material emission sources	Immaterial emission sources		
Production & power generation	Stationary combustion			
	Flaring	Fugitive emissions		
	Venting	Vehicle & building emissions		
	Imported electricity			
Fleet based business	Fleet fuel emissions	Building emissions		
Office based business	Building electricity use	Fleet fuel emissions		
	Building fuel use			

