

New UK Energy App Launches as Wholesale Gas Prices Double - Helping Households Lock In Deals Before They Disappear

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LONDON, 4 March 2026 - EnergyScan uses AI bill reading and smart meter data to monitor the market daily and alert consumers the moment a better energy deal appears

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The timing is critical. With wholesale gas briefly hitting 151p per therm this week — driven by the suspension of Qatari LNG production amid the Iran conflict — energy analysts are warning that suppliers will begin withdrawing their most competitive fixed-rate deals within days. Households on standard variable tariffs, currently paying up to £1,758 per year under the Ofgem price cap, face the prospect of even higher bills if the July 2026 cap rises in response to sustained wholesale volatility.

How EnergyScan Works

Unlike traditional comparison sites that require manual form-filling and offer a one-off snapshot, EnergyScan provides continuous, personalised monitoring:

Upload a bill, get an instant comparison. Users photograph or upload their energy bill. EnergyScan's AI reads the actual usage, tariff, unit rates, standing charges, exit fees, and contract end date — no manual data entry required. The bill is compared against every available tariff on the market in under 60 seconds.

Daily market monitoring. Subscribers receive personalised email alerts whenever a tariff appears that would save them money — net of any exit fees — based on their real consumption data, not industry-average estimates. Users set their own savings threshold so they only hear about deals that are worth acting on.

Smart meter dashboard. Subscribers who connect their smart meter unlock a full energy analytics dashboard showing daily cost tracking in pounds (not kWh), bill forecasting, direct debit health checks, a tariff simulator that models every available deal against actual half-hourly usage, phantom load detection, heating efficiency scoring, and year-on-year usage comparison.

In-app switching. Users can switch supplier directly within EnergyScan without leaving the platform. Bank details are validated in real time and the switch is submitted to the gaining supplier automatically, with full status tracking.

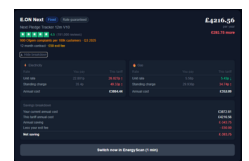
Pricing and Commission Transparency

EnergyScan costs £29 per year — less than £2.50 per month. A one-off bill comparison is available free, with no account required.

When a user switches supplier through EnergyScan, the platform earns a flat £20 per fuel (£40 for dual fuel) from the gaining supplier — at no cost to the customer. This commission is fully disclosed on every comparison and is the same fixed amount regardless of which tariff or supplier the customer chooses, meaning EnergyScan has no financial incentive to recommend one deal over another.

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EnergyScan addresses each of these problems:

- **Real data, not estimates.** Every comparison is based on the customer's actual extracted bill data or their live smart meter readings — not Ofgem's "typical domestic consumption values."
- **Proactive, not reactive.** The average UK consumer visits a comparison site once every two to three years. EnergyScan checks the market every day for every subscriber.
- **Supplier accountability built in.** Every tariff shown includes the supplier's official Ofgem complaints record, giving consumers a full picture beyond just price.
- **Smart tariff ready.** With Ofgem reporting a 70% increase in consumer searches for time-of-use and EV tariffs, EnergyScan is building the capability to model tariffs like Octopus Go and E.ON Drive against actual half-hourly smart meter data — something no major UK comparison site currently offers.

Why Now

The current market volatility makes the launch particularly timely. Ofgem confirmed on 25 February that the price cap will fall 7% to £1,568 from 1 April 2026 — but this was calculated before the wholesale gas spike. If prices remain elevated, the July 2026 cap could rise sharply, potentially towards £2,500 according to some analysts.

"Consumers have a narrow window right now to lock in competitive fixed deals before suppliers reprice," said Middleton. "The April cap drop is good news, but it's based on old wholesale prices. Anyone sitting on a standard variable tariff should be checking their options today, not in three months."

"But this works both ways. If the Middle East situation stabilises and wholesale prices fall back later in the year, we'll alert our subscribers the moment a cheaper deal appears - even if they've already switched once. The market is volatile right now, and that volatility could create multiple switching opportunities over the coming months. An EnergyScan subscription means you don't have to keep watching - we do it for you, every single day, and we'll only contact you when the savings genuinely make sense after exit fees."

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