



HALF HOURLY METERS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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The energy industry can be difficult to get your head around, with complicated jargon and acronyms. As energy experts, our consultants are here to explain these terms in a language that's simple and easy to understand.

WHAT IS A HALF HOURLY METER?

A half hourly meter (HHM) is a specialised business electricity meter which records your energy usage on a half hourly basis. It is equipped with a SIM card or connected to a phone line to enable remote communication. This type of meter is mandatory for all businesses with a supply greater than 100kW. Half hourly meters provide invaluable consumption information and you can get detailed breakdowns of your consumption to identify potential savings opportunities.

Your energy supplier uses this information in order to provide accurate billing. If you have a half hourly meter, it's mandatory to appoint a Meter Operator (MOP) and Data Collector/Data Aggregator (DC/DA) for your site.

WHAT IS A METER OPERATOR (MOP) CONTRACT?

If you have a half hourly meter, it's compulsory to appoint a Meter Operator (MOP) who is responsible for installing, operating and maintaining all of your half hourly metering and communications equipment. The Meter Operator (MOP) is also responsible for providing the technical meter details to the Data Collector (DC) to enable collection of consumption data. Regardless of who your energy supplier is, you can make an agreement with the Meter Operator (MOP) of your choice. **Speak to us to make sure you make the right decision.**

WHAT IS DATA COLLECTION/DATA AGGREGATION (DC/DA)?

Every month, the appointed Data Collector (DC) will remotely access your half hourly meter in order to retrieve and validate the half hourly data. Once validated, half hourly data will be passed onto your Data Aggregator (DA) and subsequently forwarded to your supplier for billing. Usually DC/DA agents are appointed by your chosen supplier. They may be appointed by the customer, but must always be accredited and contracted to the customer's supplier.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST MY BUSINESS?

Whether you are already using a half hourly meter or are upgrading from another type of meter, you will need to have Meter Operator (MOP) and Data Collection/Data Aggregation (DC/DA) contracts in place. Charges for these contracts can vary and although they are compulsory, you have the option to choose which company you use regardless of who supplies your energy. Some of our clients have found that they were automatically rolled into costlier monthly MOP and DC/DA contracts but by switching they were able to benefit from more favourable rates. **Contact your Focus Assured account manager today** to ensure you are getting the best deal.