

ENERGY MONITORS FOR EVERY HOME

Today the UK Government laid down plans in a white paper to supply all British homes with a free on demand home electricity monitor to help combat climate change.

The real time monitors show how much electricity is being used and what individual items cost.

Today, the UK's leading manufacturer of in home displays announced a second generation model that will be launched later this week.

Current Cost, a British company has invented, developed and started mass manufacture of the lowest cost real time displays available today. The monitors are currently under half the cost of other displays and much more advanced.

The new, very accurate displays not only display how much energy is being used at any time and, by turning on and off appliances, how much they cost. It also accumulatively stores how much total electricity is being used and how much that is likely to cost over a period of weeks and months.

Martin Dix, Director of Current Cost said; "We are delighted with our new product and are already doing trials with three energy suppliers. These trials (details to be announced) are the largest of their kind ever in the UK."

The plan for these monitors is to persuade families not to change their lifestyle but stop the waste. We are all used to turning the tap off when we brush our teeth but most of us are still leaving lights on, leaving appliances on standby, charged plugged in and filling up the kettle for one cup of tea. Now, for the first time you will know what that is actually costing you.

Studies have shown that behavioural change could have an impact of 15 per cent on individuals bills. However, across the UK just two or three per cent would save one more power station from being built.

The new monitor also comes with a serial port for connection to a home computer or modem. Current Cost hope that by offering their software free of charge to Smart Meter manufacturers, installation meters would automatically send information to the in home display.

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Images available on request as are products to trial.

Notes to Editors

Current Cost first came to fruition in 2004 and has partnerships with the government, the EU, leading utility companies and NGOs across the UK.

The first currentcost display The Classic is still in production and has sold over 400,000 units.