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Press Statement

Utilita welcomes call for universal home energy audits

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Energy supplier Utilita has welcomed the suggestion made on 7 May by the Institute for Public Policy Research that government, working in partnership with energy companies, should roll out free home energy audits to the UK's 24 million households by 2012.

David Casale, CEO at Utilita says, "Energy companies can and should to do more to help homeowners reduce permanently the amount of energy they use in the home. At Utilita we believe it's possible for all customers to be more energy efficient and use a combination of education and incentives - planetpoints - to achieve this."

Utilita already offers free home energy audits to all of its customers as a standard part of all any tariffs to help them identify cost effective way to use less energy in their homes and to cut their energy bills permanently.

Domestic energy use accounts for more than half of the average person's CO2 emissions. The Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) estimates that providing a free energy audit could help each household in the UK shave on average up to £230 a year off their energy bills and realise a total carbon dioxide saving of over 30 million tones.

EDITORS NOTES

- Utilita is the first domestic energy supply company in the UK to offer an energy services contract requiring no an additional customer investment or contribution
- Customers can see all Utilita tariffs at <www.utilita.co.uk> or may contact Sales, on 0845 450 4387 or sales@utilita.co.uk
- Utilita customers of Energysaver receive a free Home Energy Survey (conducted by telephone interview) and energy saving advice
- Utilita customers on Planetsaver (the UK's first dual fuel carbon neutral tariff) receive a comprehensive, free, energy **Home MOT** (combining a home energy survey and efficiency tests to provide a bespoke report sufficient to help homeowners invest in measures that will improve the efficiency rating of their property).
- A full media advisory providing background on Utilita is available at <http://www.utilita.co.uk/press.htm>
- Copies of *Positive Energy - harnessing people power to prevent climate change*, are available at <http://www.ippr.org/publicationsandreports/publication.asp?id=541>