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Utilita calls on Ofgem to secure energy supply

David Casale, CEO of new entrant energy supplier Utilita, has called on Ofgem, the regulator for Britain's gas and electricity industries, to review its performance in protecting customers' interests, securing energy supplies and promoting competition.

In a 'Soapbox' article that appeared in Utility Week magazine (10 Feb 2006), Casale says:

"Utilita has been forced to exit the market because of the complete failure by regulators to meet their obligations to provide a secure supply of energy to the shores of the UK, further evidence that the market is simply uncompetitive."

"Our problems, and those of the suppliers that have now gone bust, are clearly of no concern to Ofgem - small is not beautiful but irrelevant in their energy markets. Without EDF Energy's response to our request to transfer our customers and exit the supply market, Utilita would also be on the scrapheap of innovation"...

"Once we have the security of supply under control at a fair price, then perhaps we should consider how best to meet customers needs. Energy efficiency, climate change, smart metering, customer service and fuel poverty are the tests we must meet, either within or outside a competitive European energy market. Energy markets should be led by energy companies producing new energy products that customers support..."

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