

Scottish Socialist Party

770,000 families already in fuel poverty as Power companies announce 19% price rise

SALMOND MUST ACT NOW TO CAP ENERGY BILLS

Scottish Power has just announced a 19% rise in gas and electricity bills. With 770,000 Scots already in fuel poverty [up from 293,000 in 2002] and millions seeing their incomes held down this really is the last straw.

Gas and electricity charges have risen more than 60% in 3 years. The average household bill is already over £1,500 a year and the power companies want to raise them by another £200. The situation is completely intolerable.

The Scottish Government must act now to cap these bills and tell the power companies

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

TIME TO END FUEL POVERTY AND STOP POWER COMPANY PROFITEERING

The SNP Government promised to eradicate fuel poverty in Scotland by 2014. This pledge has now been abandoned as the power companies continue to rip us off.

Shelter Scotland, the housing charity, reports that families living in poorly insulated homes are the worst affected as heat escapes through badly insulated walls, windows, doors and roofs. They want the Government to build 100,000 new fuel-efficient council houses to reduce energy bills and tackle homelessness.

The Scottish Socialist Party demands the Government: -

- * Step in and cap gas and electricity prices immediately
- * Prosecute power companies found guilty of profiteering
- * Eradicate fuel poverty completely in Scotland by 2014
- * Invest in renewable energy and diversify away from gas, oil and coal
- * Build 100,000 energy efficient Council houses annually
- * Take power companies back into public ownership to ensure their profits benefit everyone not just their rich shareholders

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