

## Ofgem director resigns, confirming that it is on the si...

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As the [Guardian note](#) today:

*A director at energy regulator [Ofgem](#) has resigned, accusing it of favouring businesses over consumers with a rule change that will add as much as £400 to the average UK household energy bill.*

Christine Farnish, a non-executive member of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (Gema), Ofgem's board, tendered her resignation to the business secretary, Kwasi Kwarteng, in early August.

Farnish said the regulator "gave too much benefit to companies at the expense of consumers", according to a leaked internal Ofgem announcement. Across the UK's 27m retail energy customers a £400 annual bills increase could cost households more than £10bn.

The bias of Ofgem towards companies by insisting that energy be sold at the marginal cost of the highest cost producer has been a long-running theme on this blog and is discussed in [Surviving 2023](#).

It is nice to see that the policy, and its cost, has finally caused a resignation in revulsion at its imposition on a vulnerable population.