MHHS: your action plan

What Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement means for your next energy contract renewal, and what to do about it now.

The energy market is being settled on real, meter-by-meter data instead of profiles and estimates. Central systems have been live since **22 September 2025**. By late January 2026, **over one million meters** had already been moved across. The full migration programme completes by **7 May 2027**, and a faster settlement timetable follows from **2 July 2027**.

If your energy contract renews in the next twelve months, this lands in the middle of your negotiation. Old profile classes are being replaced by three meter segments: **Smart, Advanced and Unmetered**. The people pricing your renewal will be looking at your actual consumption shape, not a typical-load assumption. The businesses that do well out of this are the ones that walk in knowing their own numbers. Work through these five steps before you sign anything.

1 Know your position

Pull two things off your files: your **current contract end date**, and your **half-hourly consumption data**. Then find out which segment your meters are moving into: smart, advanced or unmetered. Profile classes as you knew them are going away, and your meter segment is what your new contract will be built around.

TICK WHEN DONE

- [ ] I know my contract end date
- [ ] I have access to my half-hourly data
- [ ] I know my meter segments

2 Ask the five questions

Put these five questions to whoever wants your renewal. In writing. One point of context first: your invoices are already billed on your actual meter data. It is **brokers** who have been settling and pricing on estimates, and this change replaces those estimates with real data. That is exactly why these questions matter.

1. When does my migration complete?

2. Will my standing charges change?

3. How will you notify me?

4. Can I see my half-hourly consumption data and price my renewal on it before I commit?

5. Are all the non-commodity costs included in your quotation, and what isn't covered?

The first three are **supplier questions**. The last two are **broker questions**. Ask the right list of the right people, and note who answers and who goes quiet.

3 Sort the renewal timing

Contracts do not change automatically on migration. Your supplier notifies you, and your renewal gets priced off half-hourly data. If your contract ends inside the next twelve months, start the renewal conversation **months early, not weeks**. The person you negotiate with will be working off your consumption shape, and the more of that shape you understand before you sit down, the stronger your position.

TICK WHEN DONE

- [ ] I know my renewal window
- [ ] I have started early

4 Check your exposure

Half-hourly settlement means your consumption shape matters. Look at **when** you actually use power, not just how much. Peak-heavy sites have the most to lose from peak pricing, and the most to gain from demand management, load shifting and battery storage. Flat, steady sites are in a different position. You will not know which one you are until you have looked at your own data.

Do it yourself: the free HH Data Analyser on our website walks you through your half-hourly data. No account needed.

TICK WHEN DONE

- [ ] I know my peak times
- [ ] I know where load could shift

5 Get the procurement right

The renewal is the moment this change bites. Before you sign anything, insist on **transparent procurement and a proper risk assessment**. That means seeing the full quotation, understanding where every charge comes from, and pricing the deal on your real half-hourly data rather than an assumption. Never sign a renewal priced off data you have not seen. If someone will not show you the data, that tells you what you need to know about the deal.

TICK WHEN DONE

- [ ] My renewal is priced on my real half-hourly data
- [ ] I understand every line of the quotation before signing

Where this fits

MHHS settles the market on real data. Your job is to walk into your renewal knowing your position: your contract date, your consumption shape, and the full cost of the deal on the table.

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