

## Understanding Energy

# What makes up your gas bill?

Have you ever wondered what makes up your gas bill? Wholesale costs account for about 20%, with the remainder made up of network and system costs, taxes and supply charges. Here's a simple breakdown:

Approx  
**20%**

Wholesale

Approx  
**40%**

Network and system costs

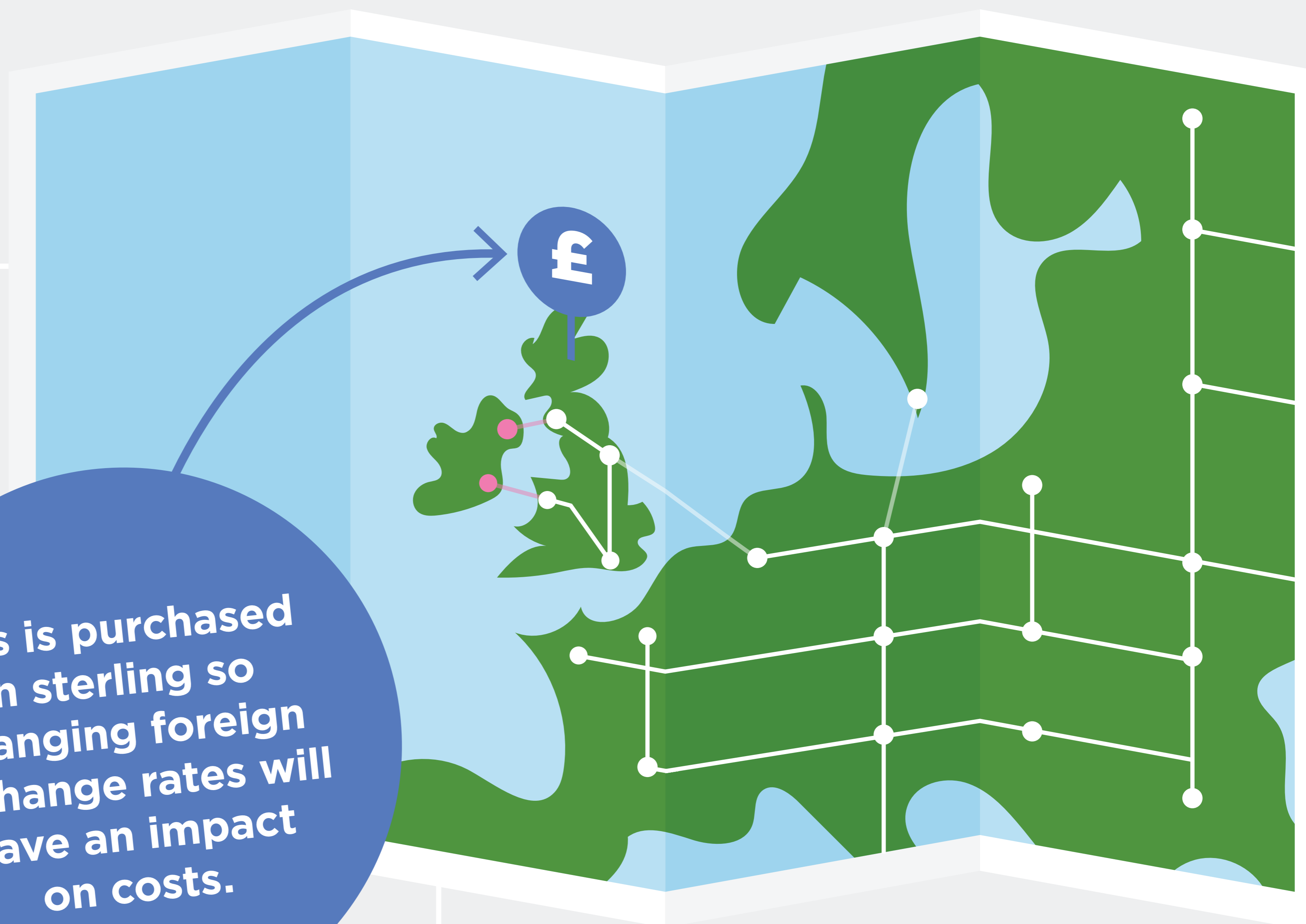
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Taxes, levies and supply costs

## 1 The cost of buying the gas, referred to as wholesale costs

Most of the gas consumed in Ireland is bought on international markets and imported through 'interconnection' with Britain.

Gas is purchased in sterling so changing foreign exchange rates will have an impact on costs.



## 2 The cost of getting the gas to your door, also known as network and system costs


Gas Networks Ireland operates the gas network and charges a fee to suppliers for getting the gas through the network and into your home. These charges are regulated by the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities (CRU).

## 3 Additional taxes, levies and supply costs

This includes energy suppliers' operating costs and Government taxes, such as VAT and carbon tax, which all suppliers have to pass on to their customers.



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