

# LOSS OBJECTIONS

SME objection escalations

Internal briefing document

Please ensure you read and understand the entirety of this briefing document.

If you have any questions or require extended training about the content of this brief, please raise to your line manager. 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016



# What is an objection?

An objection is a sub-process within the 'loss of supply' procedure. The objection process is industry governed, enabling the losing supplier to object and prevent a customer from switching under certain circumstances.

#### What is an escalation?

An escalation, in most cases follows a customer contact about our objection to their switch. Where an agent has carried out a full investigation of the customer's circumstances and feels that our objection is unjustified or invalid, the agent can raise an escalation for further analysis.

# Escalations process

Currently, SME escalations are being sent to the Registrations Team. However, any future escalations should be handed off to either:

- Sales Support Team (for contractual objections e.g. still in contract)
- Customer Payments Team (for debt objections)

# **Objection scenarios**

#### SME - Contract terms related objections (contract duration)

extraenergy will automatically raise an objection to a change of supply request, when they still have contractual obligations i.e. the customer signed a contract with us for a specific period and have submitted an application for another supplier to take over their supply within that period.

Please ensure all contractual checks are completed before contacting the Sales Support Team.

If you need a contractual objection to be investigated, follow the below steps:

- Send an email within 8X8 or outlook to salessupportteam@extraenergy.com
- Clearly state in the subject line: Objection escalation contractual (include MPAN/MPRN in the subject header)
- Please also include following information:
  - 1. Company name
  - 2. Contact information
  - 3. Customer name
  - 4. Telephone number
  - 5. Email address

The Sales Support Team will investigate your concern.



### SME - Debt related objections (delay in payment)

extraenergy will automatically raise an objection to a change of supply request when a customer has debt on their account which is older than 28 days. The customer will be notified of the objection by email and will have the option to pay their outstanding balance in order for us to remove the objection.

Any contact relating to a debt payment, should be handed off to the Customer Payments Team, who can take payments and/or set up payment plans.

The Customer Payments Team will remove the objection if a resolution is reached within the objection removal window.

Please ensure all debt checks are completed before contacting the Customer Payments Team.

# How to identify an objection

In order to identify where, how and why an objection has been raised, simply follow the steps below:

- 1. Open the account in Account Plus
- 2. Within the customer window, select the Account tab then History tab
- 3. Look for the newest 'S0004' (electric) or 'UT004' (gas) history stamp, and then check the loss notification reason

This will either state 'delay in payment' or 'contract duration', which is the reason for the objection. Please see images below.

## **Debt objections**



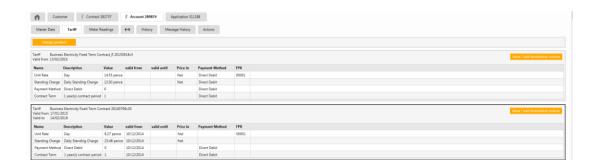
If the loss notification is 'delay in payment', and you feel an escalation is required, please send this to the Customer Payments Team.



#### Contract objections



If the loss notification is 'contract duration', check the 'contract term' in the Tariff tab.



Look at the customer's contract end date and if we've accepted termination, and they're no longer contractually obliged. If you feel an escalation is required, please send this to the Sales Support Team at <a href="mailto:salessupportteam@extraenergy.com">salessupportteam@extraenergy.com</a>

If any other objection reasons appear, such as "EOD in past", email the Sales Support Team immediately.

With immediate effect, don't contact the Registrations Team or any other department to lift objections other than directed on this brief.