

**DOMESTIC METERING IN THE UK**

*In today's hectic life  
nothing ever remains the same for long*

This applies to most things we do at home and at work. Big changes are happening in the UK domestic meter business. OFGEM, the government department set up to regulate the gas and electricity industries in the UK, has long been promoting the need for competition within the UK's domestic metering business. You may or may not agree with this but, within the industry, competition and change is happening now. The ownership of domestic meters is now moving into a new phase and new companies are moving into this arena.



BK-G4

In general terms the ownership of meters is moving away from network operators and into the hands of meter operator companies. These new companies are purchasing product on behalf of energy sellers who pay the meter operators a rental for the use of the product for the life of the product. These new meter operators are therefore very keen to buy product that is well proven in the field, competitively priced and able to give a long, trouble free service life.

One such company is United Utilities and ELSTER-JEAVONS is pleased to be one of their suppliers. Recently a contract was signed (fig.1) with United Utilities and ELSTER-JEAVONS is now supplying



Fig. 1: Signing the contract, J. Kozer and M. Williams

domestic credit gas meters and meter fixing kits to United Utilities. Mike Williams, ELSTER-JEAVONS MD can be seen signing the contract with Jeff Kozer, Director of United Utilities.



Fig. 2: Fixing kit



Fig. 3: J42 regulator

The meter ELSTER-JEAVONS is supplying is the very successful BK-G4 credit meter manufactured at the Kromschröder plant in Osnabrück, Germany. The BK-G4 is able to fulfil all the meter operator requirements, is widely used within Europe and has gained a reputation as a very reliable product.

The meter fixing kit (fig. 2) contains all the parts necessary to enable a meter to be installed on site. The heart of the fixing kit is the equally successful J42 domestic regulator (fig. 3) manufactured at the ELSTER-JEAVONS site in Tipton. The J42 features innovative design and assembly techniques. The internal parts are ultrasonically welded together to form a one-piece cartridge. Tests throughout the assembly process ensure that every J42 produced meets and surpasses the highest standards.

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