



Carbon  
services

## Climate Change Services

With the abolition of the Carbon Reduction Committee (CRC) and the impending increase in Climate Change Levy (CCL) in 2018, it is now more cost-effective and financially lucrative for companies to obtain a Climate Change Agreement (CCA).

### What is a CCA and how does it work?

CCA's are voluntary agreements made by UK industry and the Environment Agency (EA) to reduce energy use and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. Having a CCA's allows businesses to receive a discount on the Climate Change Levy (CCL), a tax added to electricity and fuel bills, in return for meeting energy efficiency or carbon-saving targets. For operators who hold a CCA, the CCL will be reduced by:

**90% on electricity bills      65% on other fuels      100% for Min/Met sectors**

### How we can help you obtain and maintain your CCA

Brownlow Utilities have worked with these important agreements since their inception and use best-in-class processes to obtain and manage your new CCA. We have safeguarded over £2million in savings for our clients.

#### Obtaining your CCA

We can confirm eligibility and complete the relevant forms for businesses wishing to obtain this exemption.

- Visit your site to establish the eligibility of your processes
  - Perform the necessary investigations and calculations
  - Collect and validate the data to be used in your application
- Ensure that valid, auditable data capture processes are put into place
- Complete the application for your new Agreement on your behalf
  - Liaise with all relevant parties, including your Trade Association and the managers of the sector's Agreement
  - Organise your information into an Evidence Pack, which when updated will protect you in the event of any future issues, or audits by Defra or Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs.

#### Maintaining your CCA

Once secured, we will work to maintain the agreement by managing the processes involved.

- Make regular submissions to your Trade Federation and Defra on your behalf, as required by your Agreement.
- Provide you with a monthly "Climate Change Levy Status" report showing performance against the targets set by your Agreement and your forecast results for the relevant Milestone period.
- Maintain your Evidence Pack to ensure it is up-to-date according to best practice.
- Work with you in the event of an Audit by HM Revenue & Customs or Defra. Audits are increasingly common and can result in you losing your exemption. Brownlow Utilities has never lost an agreement following an audit!

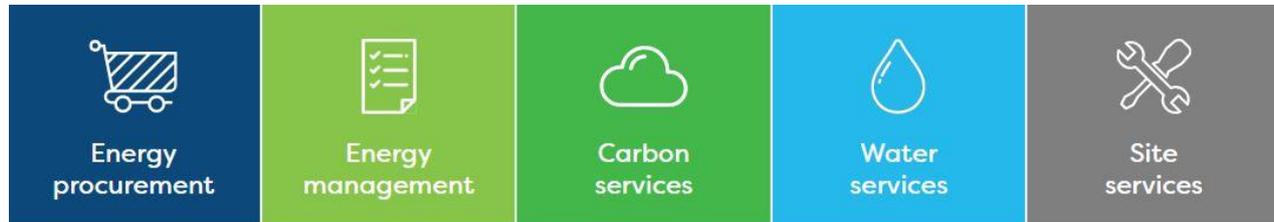
**Call our carbon services team for further information and to request a free consultation. 01744 778530**



# Why choose Brownlow?

Our aim is to make you competitive, compliant and efficient as far as your energy and utilities are concerned. Our approach is to do this with clarity, honesty and experience.

## Our Services



## Our Process



At our first meeting, we will take time to fully understand your business; your company's objectives business, processes and how your company prefers to manage risk. We also consider your current energy and utility portfolios - how much you use and the prices you pay. We then take the time to look at purchasing options to help you choose a supplier and product that matches your company's long term purchasing strategy.



Once we are operating to your energy purchasing strategy, we then validate and check the bills for you on a monthly basis to ensure they adhere to the contracted terms. If there are any issues with your bills, we will resolve these with the supplier directly on your behalf. We also provide you access to an online energy management portal.



Most businesses are subject to or can take advantage of one of the myriad of government Carbon schemes such as Climate Change Agreement (CCA), CRC, ESOS, RO and FIT. We offer a full service that obtains then manages these schemes for you using carbon specialists that have never lost an agreement!



We can identify savings of at least 10% in most businesses. Our Chartered Energy Efficiency Engineers can complete a detailed survey of your business highlighting where you can employ the latest techniques and technologies with regards to energy based on Return on Investment (ROI).



An energy plan based on a comprehensive survey of your site together with agreed timescales and board-level commitment will drive your utility purchasing strategy and efficiency initiatives forwards. We will ensure that the correct systems and procedures are in place for continuous energy improvement.

Call our team today for a free assessment of your utility portfolio 01744 778530.

