

Common utility industry acronyms

Acronym	Descriptor
1Ø	Single-phase electric power
3Ø	Three-phase electric power
ASHP	Air Source Heat Pump
BP	Barrier Pipe
CDM	Construction and Design Management
CT	Current Transformer
DI	Ductile Iron
DN	Distribution Network
DNO	Distribution Network Operator (network owner)
ECV	Emergency Control Valve (gas)
EHV	Extra High Voltage
ENWL	Electricity North West Limited
GIRS	Gas Industry Registration Scheme (Lloyd's register)
GRP	Glass Reinforced Plastic (kiosk)
GT	Gas Transporters
HSE	Health and Safety Executive
HV	High Voltage
ICP	Independent Connection Provider
IDNO	Independent Distribution Network Operator
IGT	Independent Gas Transporter
IP	Intermediate Pressure
kVA	Kilo-Volt-Ampere (1,000-volt amps)
kWH	Kilowatt per hour
L/S	Litres per second (water)
LOA	Letter of Authority
LP	Low Pressure (gas)
LV	Low Voltage
MD	Maximum Demand
MDPE	Medium Density Polyethylene (water pipes)
MOP	Meter Operator
MP	Medium Pressure (gas)
MPAN	Meter Point Asset Number (Electric)
MPRN	Meter Point Reference Number (Gas)
MSDB	Multi Service Distribution Board (electric)
MURS	Multi Utilities Recognition Status (Lloyd's register)
MVA	Megavolt Ampere
MW	Megawatt
MWh	Megawatt Hour
NERS	National Electricity Registration Scheme (Lloyd's register)
NG	National Grid
NGN	Northern Gas Networks
NPG	Northern Power Grid
OHL	Overhead Lines
PMT	Pole Mounted Transformer
POC	Point of Connection
PTW	Permit to Work

Acronym	Descriptor
SPV	Solar Photovoltaic
S/S	Substation
SGN	Scottish and Southern Gas Network
SLO	Self Lay Operator
SLP	Self Lay Provider
SP	Scottish Power
SSE	Scottish and Southern Electric
SSW	South Staffordshire Water
STAT	Network Owner
STW	Severn Trent Water
SV	Sluice valve
TBS	Temporary Builders' Supply
TM	Traffic Management
UU	United Utilities
Wayleave/ Easement	Legal Documents
WIRS	Water Industry Registration Scheme (Lloyd's register)
WW	Welsh Water
WWU	Wales and West Utilities
YW	Yorkshire Water

If you come across any other acronyms you're not sure about, please ask a member of our team.

