

## What impact will digital switchover have on energy consumption?

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Household power consumption will increase due to switchover, but this will be partly offset by significant savings in energy used by the transmission networks &ndash; even the fully rolled out digital network will use a fraction of the power that the older analogue networks use.

The central estimate for the total impact of switchover is a net increase of 1,705GWh per year. This would be reduced if more energy-efficient TV equipment was used.