



Rising Energy Costs: How Medilink Members Can Mitigate Risk Through Tax Exemptions

The cost of energy remains a significant challenge for the life sciences and medical manufacturing sectors. While commodity prices have cooled since the record highs of 2021, energy bills are still under pressure due to non-commodity costs—government-imposed charges that fund the UK's low-carbon transition.

At **Leyton**, we are working closely with a number of **Medilink members** to help them **reduce these costs through exemption schemes** -and we encourage others in the network to reach out if they'd like support.

What Are Non-Commodity Costs?

These charges are separate from the wholesale energy price and include:

- **Contracts for Difference (CfD)**
- **Renewables Obligation (RO)**
- **Feed-In Tariffs (FiT)**
- **Climate Change Levy (CCL)**

These charges can make up a significant portion of the overall energy spend for **energy-intensive operations like laboratory environments, cleanrooms, and regulated production facilities**.

What's Coming Next?

In addition to the existing levies, new charges are being introduced or discussed, which may soon impact your energy bills:

- **EI Support Levy** (active from April 2024): Funds the Network Charging Compensation scheme.
- **Nuclear Regulated Asset Base (RAB)**: Expected to appear from late 2025.
- **Hydrogen Levy (Gas)** and **Carbon Capture Subsidy**: Still in design stages, but intended to fund future energy technologies and decarbonisation efforts.

How to Prepare: Tailored Advice for the Sector

At Leyton, our approach for Medilink members includes:

1. **Validating Your Energy Bills**
2. Complex billing structures can result in your business being overcharged. We offer a **full bill validation** to ensure you're only paying what's necessary.



3. Identifying Exemption Opportunities

4. Many life sciences and bioscience businesses qualify for **energy tax exemptions**, particularly under schemes such as:


- **Energy Intensive Industries (EII) Exemption Scheme**
- **Climate Change Levy (CCL) Relief**
- **ETS Compensation**

Partnering with Medilink Members

We're already working with several members across the Medilink network to help them unlock savings and protect against future cost hikes. Whether you're a biotech firm, a medical device manufacturer, or running an R&D-intensive lab, we can assess your eligibility and manage the entire exemption process on your behalf.

Ready to Reduce Your Energy Costs?

Our **Energy Tax Relief experts** offer an end-to-end service—assessing eligibility, managing claims, and implementing strategies to make energy usage more efficient, sustainable, and financially viable.

 **Get in touch today** to explore how we can support your business:

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