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Compare and cut your bills

BENDIGO residents can potentially save money on their electricity and gas bills, thanks to a free service being launched today.

Switchselect.com is a free, impartial service that allows individuals and families to compare many of the electricity and gas deals now in the marketplace in Victoria.

Switchselect.com estimates an average four-bedroom home with two adults and two children could be saving up to \$150 a year on its power bills.

The service comes off the back of concerns about rising power prices following the deregulation of the power industry in Victoria in 2002.

Co-founder of Switchselect.com, Leon Hayes, said services like his were there to show customers if there was a better deal available to them.

"Put simply, we show consumers on our website numerous available prices of many suppliers," he said.

"Then consumers can decide what's best for them and easily switch in less than five minutes.

"It sounds remarkably simple, and it is. We have set up a shop window so that consumers can see many of the deals out there."

For more information, telephone 1800 2SWITCH (1800 279 482) or visit www.switchselect.com