







# Bill validation that results in 99% accuracy.

Catering to multiple stakeholders and their needs is key to choosing an automated utility expense management solution for your business.

With SES Bill Clarity, our clients benefit from bill validation that results in 99% accuracy. A cloud-based system where detailed analytics are updated in real-time ensures constant access to current data and recent bills.

Accurate and auditable utility and emissions data is invaluable and can make all the difference between average outcomes and a successful, profitable business. Gain clarity, gain data, and gain control. Contact the Bill Clarity team today to invest in automated utility expense management and reap the rewards.

## Automation powered by robotics

Bill Clarity utilises full Robotic Process Automation which is capable of processing thousands of utility bills per minute. The cloud-based platform simplifies the complex utility spend management process for medium to large businesses by automating manual processes and providing complete control over their full bill cycle.

### The platform:

- Automatically captures and validates invoices
- Automates the accounts payable function
- Provides clients with opportunities to reduce costs
- Provides real-time utility and financial information at the touch of a button





#### **BILL VALIDATION**

A number of complex validation checks are carried out on all new bills as they are automatically uploaded into the SES Portal which ensures all data is expertly validated, resulting in 99% accuracy and integrity.

Having data that you can trust, gives you confidence that you are only paying for what you are contracted to pay. The additional insights you can access are real opportunities that can then be actioned to create value for your portfolio.

#### Automated validation checks include:

Bill Receipt Checks: Late arriving bills alert, supplier notification and estimate missing bill value for accruals.

Bill Integrity Checks: Duplicate or over-lapping bills and bills on closed sites. Late fees alert and optimise payment process: Missing charges on bills, estimate, accrue and pay bills on time. Track incorrect bills and recover over-charges.

Bill Tolerance Checks: Total usage within Customer set tolerance of previous bills and quarantined if extreme as well as total spend within customer set tolerance of previous bills.

Bill Matching Checks: Usage matches interval data; prices match the contract, utility charges match utility tariff assigned, demand charges match utility tariff assigned, environmental compliance charges, state/federal mandated charges (taxes, levies, etc.).

Payment File Checks: No duplicate entries, all accounts on active site list, total within tolerance, all payment values within a relevant date range.

# **Budgeting and accruals**

Bill Clarity calculates accruals at portfolio level and account level, in real-time, saving your business money by capturing billing errors which increases the reliability of the utility spend forecasts and the ability to instantly access accurate historical billing data. You will also be able to create and modify budgets in minutes.

# The platform calculates and presents the following accrual functionality for all active accounts:

- Aged accruals
- Current accruals
- Accruals are presented at the account level and portfolio level
- Calculation of liabilities based on a combination of historical bill observed, recent meter data, and known commodity and other charges.
- Bill Clarity is a SaaS solution securely hosted on the Amazon Web Services cloud enabling your team to access your utility history anywhere, anytime.

# Utility and financial analytics

Demand reset and tariff reviews mean that members can avoid overpaying. As the robots collect more of your usage data, they get event smarter and will be able to predict trends and present further opportunities for you to improve your business.

# Robotic automation will continuously check your portfolio for cost saving opportunities, including:

- Finding cheaper Network tariffs
- Demand/capacity reset opportunities
- Power factor correction opportunities
- Peak smoothing opportunities
- TOU shifting opportunities
- Usage reduction benchmarking and behaviour
- Usage reduction efficiency projects
- Missed early pay discounts and eliminate late fees

# benefits to your business



Complete automation of utility management, bill procoessing to payment workflows.



Built-in utility data completeness checks, quality assurance and invoice control.



Automatic invoice collection directly from the retailer into the platform.



User-friendly portal with access to historical data, reports and insights including billing data.



Comprehensive accruals and budget automation to drive accuracy and better planning.



Automated tariff reviews and analytics means you will regularly be presented with opportunities to save.



Proactive data validation on all bills that are automatically parsed, validated and stored. This results in trustworthy data, reporting and analytics, and no more unpleasant surprises.



Contract repository for all your electricity, gas and metering agreements with contract expiry at your fingertips.

## Bill collection, capture and validation

Validated bills are captured as soon as they are available. The data is automatically parsed, validated and stored in the platform for easy reporting and analytics. Every bill undergoes multiple levels of validation, from simple tolerance checks to verification that your charges match the contracted rates.

## Bill payment

Our utility bill management portal delivers both speed and accuracy outcomes that are unable to be achieved by manual or semi-automated processes.

### **Network review**

As a Bill Clarity user, your SES Account Manager can run an annual network review across your large market sites. Network charges represent a significant share of a business's energy bills and identifying savings on network charges is a complex task that most retailers do not offer.

## Expert portfolio management

The analytics dashboard provides utility usage and spend data down to the account level, helping you manage your entire portfolio with validated data-driven decisions. Every Bill Clarity client has access to a dedicated account manager with their finger on the pulse of current trends in the utility market — one who knows their clients' specific needs and is an expert at navigating the complex energy sector.

# Increased visibility

Clients can easily gain visibility and access to all their historical billing and usage data in just seconds, they are supported with sophisticated key spend management reporting capability and able to access additional value-add and cost-saving opportunities.

# Consumption and emissions reports

Bill Clarity allows for a robust source to audit trail for physical invoices, all management of Emissions factors in line with the regulator's requirements for NGERS scope 1 and 2 requirements. Self-service data exports for mandatory and voluntary sustainability programs is supported by the platform.



# How does Bill Clarity address pain points in your business?

#### pain points benefits Time spent preparing budget when energy/net-Energy spend tracking r<del>(I)</del> work rates change or network rates change or Budgeting, forecasting and accruals CFO / HEAD OF FINANCE sites added/removed **Energy &** Confidence in billing accuracy Financial Lack of clarity of portfolio status Reporting Time spent locating contracts Energy spend tracking Comparing rates across different states / sites Budgeting and reporting SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGER Lack of clarity of portfolio status Current and forward contract repository Management Keeping track of bills and payments Paying accurate bills with no errors Bills are often paid without checking Consolidated payment files for electricity, **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE** gas and water Chasing up errors, missed bills, accruals & Payments Reduced data entry Manual data entry Retailer portals aren't always user-friendly Access to interval data in one central FACILITIES MANAGER / location Limited energy data **OPERATIONS** Consumption reports by site, state or portfolio Disparate data sources Management & Load factor reports and charts Analytics Network reviews Inconsistent data reports Emissions and consumption reports Delay in obtaining data from retailers Consistent and centralised reports regardless SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER of retailer or site classification Dates don't match reporting period Data suitable for mandatory and voluntary Reports reporting programs



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