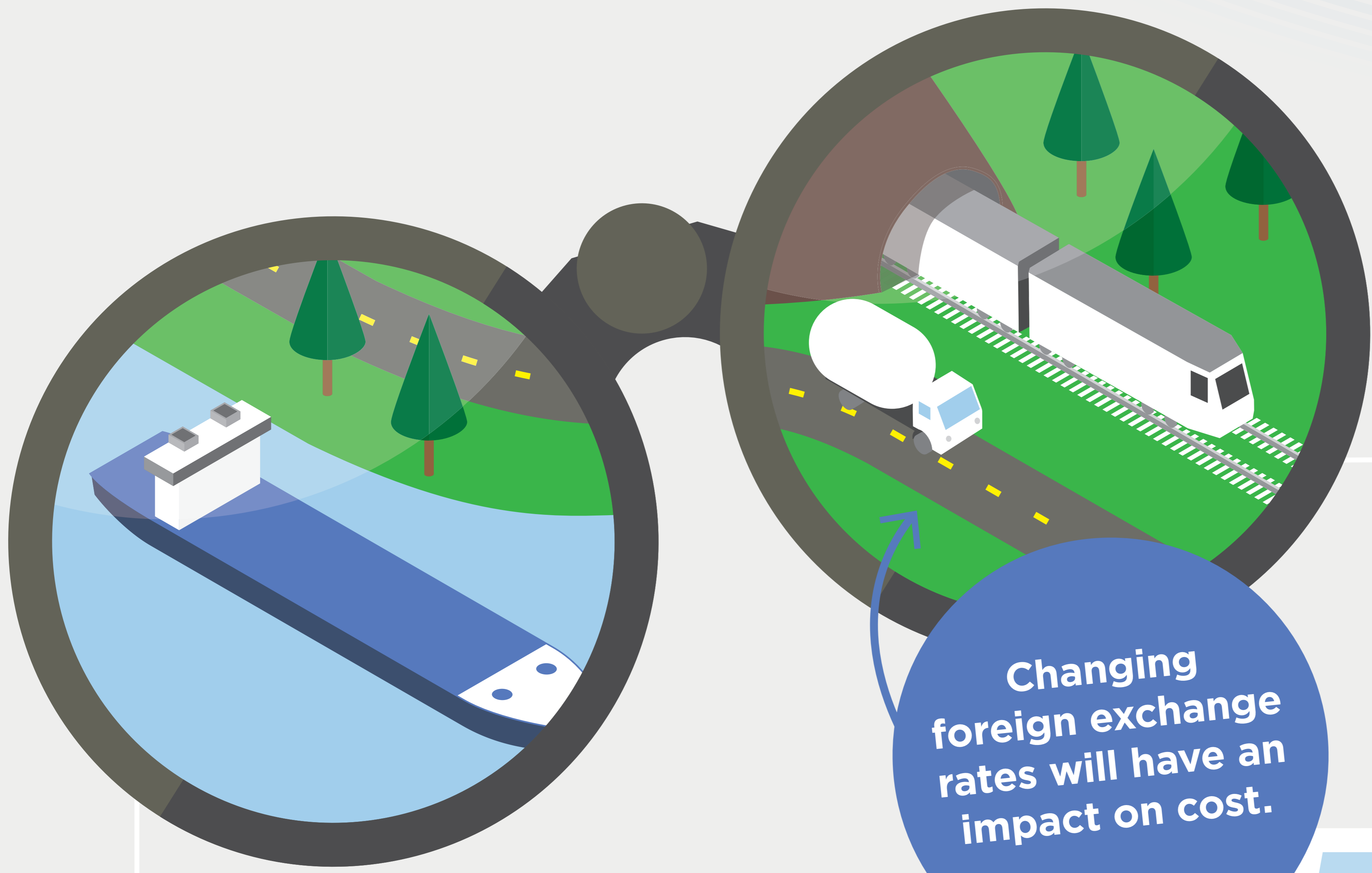


Have you ever wondered what makes up your electricity bill? Wholesale costs account for around a third, with the remainder made up of transport and distribution costs, taxes and supply charges. Here's a simple breakdown:

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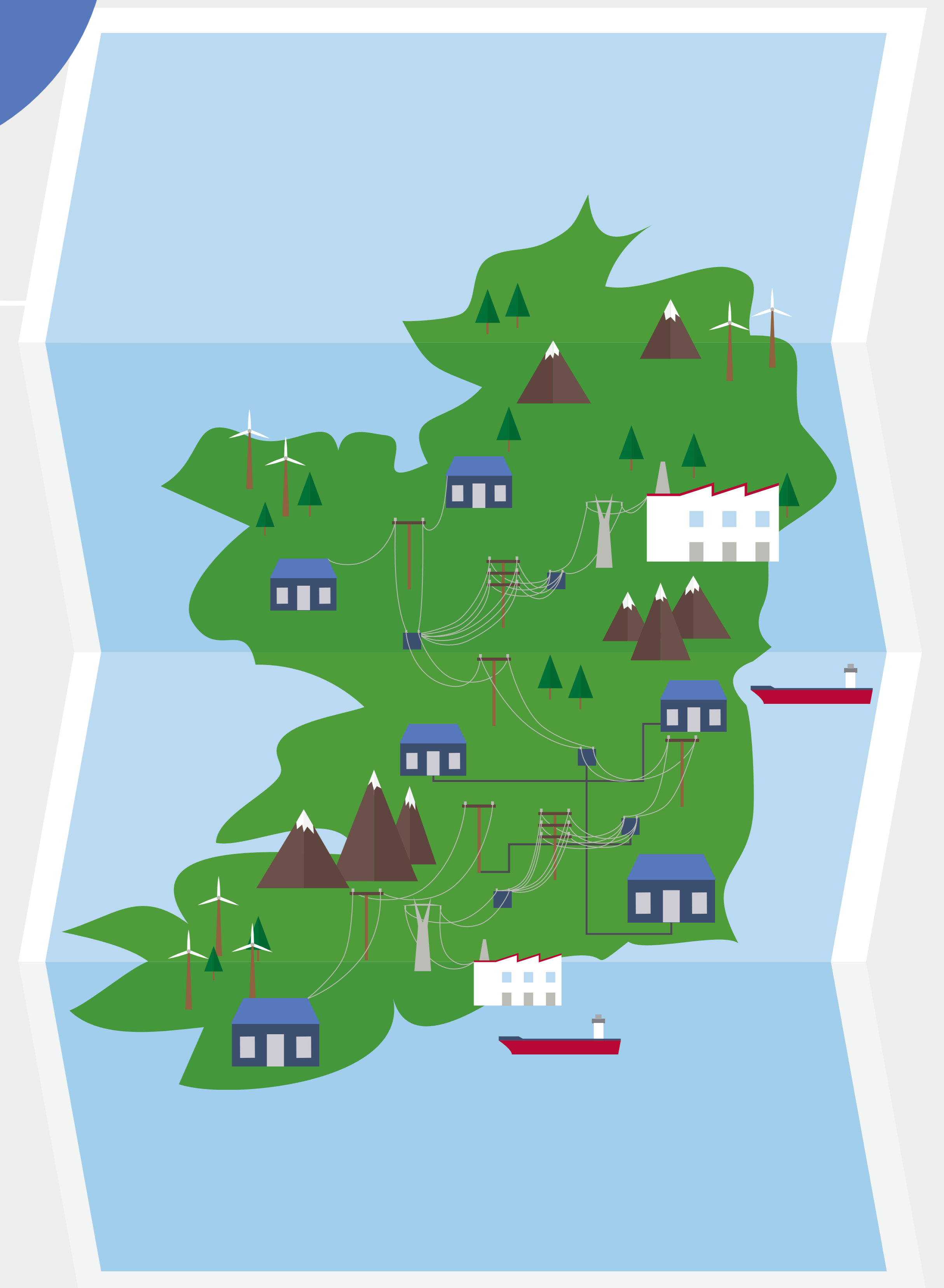
Changing foreign exchange rates will have an impact on cost.

1 The cost of buying fuel to generate electricity

Electricity is produced using raw materials such as gas or oil. These raw materials are bought on international markets and imported into Ireland.

2 The cost of getting the energy to your home, also known as Transmission and Distribution (T&D) costs

Eirgrid and ESB Networks operate the electricity network in Ireland and charge suppliers for getting electricity through the network to your home.



3 Additional costs

The Commission of Energy Regulation (CER) applies a levy known as the Public Service Obligation Levy (PSO) to cover the cost of producing energy in Ireland. Other charges include the Government Value Added Tax (VAT) and energy suppliers' operating costs.



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