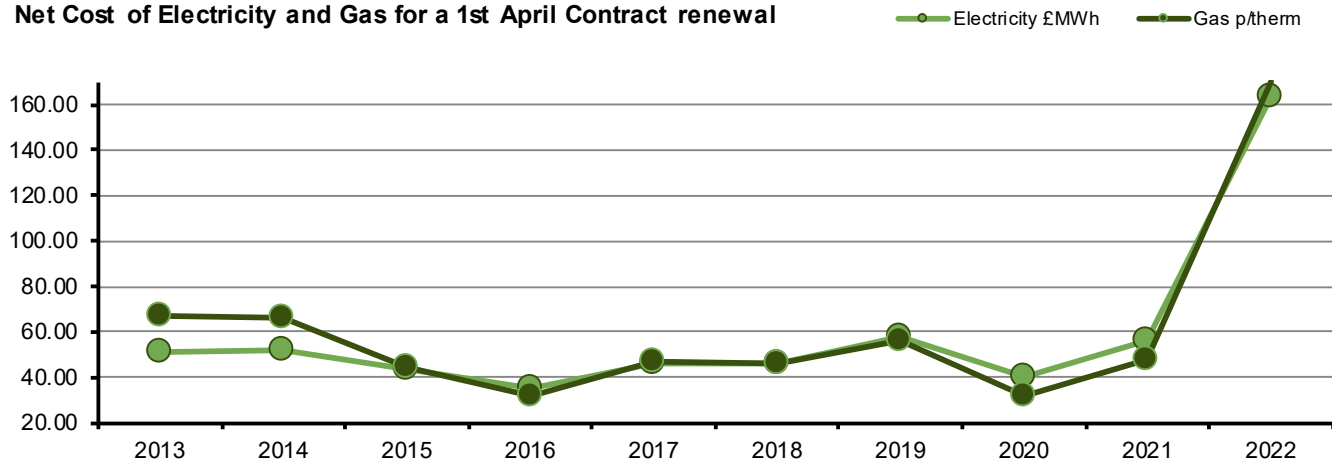


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## Net Cost of Electricity and Gas for a 1st April Contract renewal



### Electricity: base load cost - excludes distribution, taxation and supplier margin and costs

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
50.99	51.62	43.52	34.83	46.29	46.05	57.60	40.10	56.33	163.66

### Gas: core gas cost - excludes distribution, taxation and supplier margin and costs

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
66.74	66.14	44.73	31.42	47.17	46.08	56.00	32.13	48.04	170.34

### Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
<b>Start</b>	\$87.83	172.66	£166.75	\$193.50	50.5
<b>End</b>	\$90.78	217.54	£202.25	\$215.00	68.1

Last week saw traders generally buying the dip as Russia/Ukraine tensions continued to boil, further helping prices tick higher. Front-month gas and power saw price increases, pulling both contracts further above the 200 mark and ensuring the spread between near-term contracts through to Mar 23 is relatively tight. With this said, low wind at the start of the week helped pull the front month contracts higher but swelling wind output towards the end of the week had the expected opposite effect, keeping these prices volatile. It was possible for the spread to narrow between near-term contracts and Mar 23 due to prices further along the curve bouncing higher to bring them in line with the very front of the curve. Summer 22 and Winter 22 NBP rose, whilst the comparative baseload seasonal contracts also jumped, seeing the spread between front-month contracts and Winter 22 contracts lowered to single digits for gas and power. Carbon began the week lower, finding pressure from equities dropping due to Russia/Ukraine tensions and some weakening of gas and power prices later in the day. Aside from this EUAs and UKAs generally travelled higher, with UKAs displaying particular strength to outstrip gains in EUAs and increase the spread between their European counterpart more so. Brent contracts continue to move higher, nearing seven-years highs alongside their most positive month since Feb 21. Mar 22 Brent managed to increase by \$2.14/barrel, largely supported by tight supply and political tensions although providing counterbalance are looming Fed rate hikes could weigh on the contract, even after achieving a settlement position above the key \$90/barrel level.

### Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
<b>Start</b>	\$85.34	172.87	£166.92	\$177.30	50.5
<b>End</b>	\$87.83	172.66	£166.75	\$193.50	50.5

Last week saw gains for much of the complex as bearish sentiment was largely bucked by fears around a Russian invasion of Ukraine. Front-month gas opened the week trading lower as traders were focused on a healthy roster of LNG vessels and a system handling cold temperatures with ease. Initially supporting pricing was a string of unplanned Norwegian outages, although they were rectified relatively quickly, and the sting of reduced supply softened. Towards the backend of the week, attention turned to growing concerns that Russia will invade Ukraine. Front-month spurred on by increased levels of intervention and comment from the US and others. Further down the curve contracts were not as weak given that one of the main factors in bearish sentiment was the volumes of LNG expected, which can be counted on less down the curve, with Summer 22 and Winter 22 gaining. Power markets largely tracked gas with front-month dropping on the week whilst seasonal contracts saw gains. At the prompt end of the market, an expected Triad was seen on Thursday with cooler temperatures and drops in wind also producing some interesting days with Tuesday hitting a high of £772/MWh in the imbalance market. European carbon markets generally tracked gas, although with auction dynamics providing some internal momentum too. On the week Dec 22 EUAs gained whilst Dec 22 UKAs gained also, generally being well bought. Brent markets also ground higher on the week with the Mar 22 contract gaining \$1.83/barrel. Bullish factors came from the 2022 supply/demand balance looking tight whilst bearish price action was largely linked to a surprise build in US inventories.

### Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
<b>Start</b>	\$81.65	198.31	£190.77	\$147.00	57.5
<b>End</b>	\$85.34	172.87	£166.92	\$177.30	50.5

Gas and power spent the first half of the week pushing lower before a late rally Thursday helped prices higher. Prices generally felt pressure from ample LNG expected into UK shores whilst a weak first daily auction of the year for EUAs set the tone for the start of the week. Despite dropping wind output and further cold weather forecast, pressure was felt along the curve for gas and power. The tug of war between LNG and colder weather remained a constant theme for the week and saw prices attempt to edge higher on Tuesday, although ultimately bearish momentum carried prices lower. Feb 22 NBP settled lower with losses consistent down the curve. The movement lower was similar for power although front-month baseload managed to hold for an extra day before eventually giving up the level. Thursday saw prices race higher once again with the dip being well bought as news late in the day that a fire had broken out at the Hornsea gas storage facility. Although no long-lasting effects were expected with REMIT data showing the problem was to be resolved by 18:00 of the same day. Fear is still rampant in the market, and this gave the front of the curve room to rally once again. Carbon generally followed weakness in gas and carbon, seeing EUAs and UKAs post losses last week. EIA releasing their updated US oil demand outlook that saw a 140,000 barrel per day increase in 2022 helped dissipate bearish Covid-19 related impacts. Mar 22 Brent rose \$4.31/barrel by the end of the week.

### Week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
<b>Start</b>	\$79.29	160.48	£177.46	\$128.25	45.8
<b>End</b>	\$81.65	198.31	£190.77	\$147.00	57.5

Last week saw gas and power markets recover from the sell-off between Christmas and the New Year. Front-month NBP opened the week strong, catching up to strength in TTF pricing over the bank holiday. Adding to bullish sentiments were upcoming cool temperatures, reversed Russian flows, low EU storage levels and high winds causing disruption to the unloading of LNG at Milford Haven. Strength was also found late on Wednesday from the news that French Nuclear output was to be lower than expected for the balance of winter with maintenance expected to run through to April, helping front-month to gain. Weakness looked to be linked to a healthy roster of LNG vessels headed for Europe, warmer temperatures expected for the upcoming week, stop levels being hit as well as announcement from the Dutch government that they were set to increase output from the Groningen gas field by almost double to ensure security of supply. Despite Friday's sell-off front-month gained on the week whilst Summer 22 and Winter 22 also gained. Power markets largely tracked gas although settlement pricing obscured some of the volatility present. Carbon markets also displayed marked volatility last week. Dec 22 EUAs gained through the first half of the week to sit close to the top of the three-month range with the week's high of £88.55/tonne printed on Wednesday. Thursday and Friday tempered gains with weakness in the wider complex feeding through. Brent crude also had a strong week with the Mar 22 contract gaining on the week and Monday-Thursday bringing a series of higher highs each day. Positive sentiment came from reduced fears around Omicron's severity on the global economy as well as tighter than expected commodity balances for 2022 despite OPEC's decision to continue to reduce supply cuts.

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