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



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

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
51.85	50.45	44.75	34.20	42.58	49.78	55.00	40.05	60.55	189.10

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

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
68.14	60.14	47.24	30.91	43.11	50.36	51.15	32.07	50.95	206.94

Week commencing 18th April 2022

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
Start	\$107.71	217.33	£210.10	\$340.50	74.2
End	\$106.44	215.24	£213.02	\$343.50	74.3

The week began with small moves across the curve. Liquidity was very low and moves in the market difficult to decipher. NBP contracts at the front of the curve hovered around the 170p/therm mark. Wednesday saw a morning rally of NBP, with power following closely. An afternoon sell off followed and the added value was wiped out. A sell off on Friday meant that May-22 contracts ended the week down 1.94p/therm, and £0.80/MWh. Back-end contracts added value as traders feel a higher market environment is to be around for a longer. Friday saw a sell off NBP across the curve. Summer-23 contracts ended the week up 10.98p/therm and £10.50/MWh respectively. High gas demand from Europe means that interconnector export remains high as continued injection into storage is offset by warm seasonal temperatures. Power moved in line with gas all week. The generation stack saw weaknesses from wind contributing only 4GW on Wednesday and Thursday. A pickup of solar and wind generation later in the week helped to ease the reliance on gas generation. EUAs and UKAs saw strength on Wednesday and both Dec-22 contracts finished the week 10% up, €8.79/tonne and £7.77/tonne. Brent futures were volatile as supply concerns were outweighed by a reduction in demand due to poor economic forecasts from the IMF.

Week commencing 11th April 2022

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
Start	\$100.27	243.94	£227.43	\$304.50	80.3
End	\$107.71	217.33	£210.10	\$340.50	74.2

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Week commencing 4th April 2022

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
Start	\$104.65	255.33	£233.28	\$275.00	83.7
End	\$100.27	243.94	£227.43	\$304.50	80.3

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Week commencing 28th March 2022

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
Start	\$119.88	243.01	£214.93	\$283.00	79.6
End	\$104.65	255.33	£233.28	\$275.00	83.7

The market struggled last week to decide whether or not to believe the progress made in peace talks between Ukraine and Russia. Russia committed to a pull-back of its troops, although had said this previously, along with promising to allow humanitarian corridors out of major cities, before doing precisely the opposite. The market also vied with whether gas flow to Europe would stop at the start of April with Putin decreeing that this was the start date for payment in Rubles despite earlier signals of a phased approach. The decree was also followed by the threat that Russia would not ship gas for free and any deviation from the payment rules would lead to a stop of gas flow. This certainly provided support into Friday, although as Friday came around the flows into Germany looked stable if not a little higher, risk premium was shed from the curve over the course of the day. Front month NBP gained 16.21p/therm on the week whilst Winter 22 gained 23.75p/therm and Summer 23 managed to drop a little. Power markets tracked gas with front month, Winter 22, and Summer 23 gaining £10.93/MWh, £26.93/MWh, and £2.87/MWh. Carbon markets continued to bounce around in the current trading range with Dec 22 EUAs seeing rallies above €80/tonne being sold and dips below €76/tonne being bought. Auction weakness last week also helped to cement losses late in the week with record discounts to the secondary markets. Oil markets were especially bearish last week with the Jun22 contract falling \$12.98/barrel on the week. Weakness looked linked to Russian/Ukrainian peace talks along with EU sanctions on oil looking less likely. Further pressure came from Biden announcing a release of 1 million barrels-per-day from US strategic reserves over the next six months.

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