# week on week

## marketview

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# Net Cost of Electricity and Gas for a 1st October Contract renewal 200.00 150.00 50.00

2017

2018

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

2014

2015

2016

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
51.18	51.04	44.49	36.90	42.08	51.70	53.20	38.00	66.08	192.75

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

2020

2021

2022

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
67.12	60.65	46.64	33.73	42.37	52.45	49.65	29.72	57.28	205.97

### Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

2013

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
Start	\$109.97	203.55	£210.58	\$290.50	70.5
End	\$113.01	214.47	£213.85	\$327.00	75.4

Last week showed much volatility over the markets in general before settling lower over summer months. Front month June 22 NBP fell off sharply on Friday with a 7% decrease on close. Commodify markets continue to be driven by headlines as the imposing threat of Russia shutting off supply to further European nations continues to dominate markets keeping traders cautious. Demand for oil remains weak across China which continues to take its toll on prices as we saw Brent traded up throughout the week closing on Friday around \$112/barrel. Carbon continued to gain value with Dec 22 EUAs increasing 68/lonne at some points and UKAs rising swiftly on Thursday and Friday. In gas markets, the increasing volume of LNG imports to the UK and exports to Europe kept pricing high out across the curve with a spread of 60p/therm at times. Wind contributions rose significantly, opening around 2.3GW on Tuesday and peaking at 6.53GW on Friday. We continue to see wind output rising and supporting the grid across the weekend and into Monday.

### Week commencing 25th April 2022

2019

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
Start	\$106.44	215.24	£213.02	\$343.50	74.1
End	\$109.97	203 55	£210.58	\$290.50	70.5

The week began with volatility over the market before generally settling lower over summer months. Commodity markets continue to be driven by headlines amid low liquidity. Extended lockdowns in major Chinese cities have helped to reduce demand from Asia. Britain is currently experiencing a glut of LNG imports as interconnector export remains near maximum towards Europe. Britain still has plenty of regasification capacity which means it remains the destination of choice for LNG cargoes. Low wind generation has meant that gas contributed most of the power generation stack all week, averaging >50% of total, at 18.75GW. Front Morth June-22 contracts climbed to settle at 204.14p/them on Wednesday before shedding all its gains and settling at 163.68p/them on Friday. Power followed the moves seen in gas with liquidity poor. UBL June-22 finishing the week down £13.34 /MWh and Summer-23 down £13.80/MWh. NBP and UBL Winter-22 contracts ended up on the week as traders anticipate light supply in Britain over next winter. The generation stack showed below norm wind generation as gas had to step in to make up the rest of demand. Increased solar output from sunnier weather meant it contributed >56W on average. Carbon shed some of the value it had gained on the previous week, Dec-22 EUAs down €5.95/none and UKAs down £1.80/none. Brent contracts continue to be pulled in both directions as a decrease in Russian oil battle concerns of lockdowns in China, it ended the week up \$1.43/barrel.

### 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	74.1

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 selt 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-neotracts 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 aste the reliance on gas generation. EUAs and UKAs saw strength on Wednesday and both Dec-22 contracts finished the week 10% up, €5.79/honne and £7.77honne. 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

Last week saw weakness at the front of the curve for gas and power markets with strength at the backend. The market vied last week with the uncovering of supposed Russian war crimes that had some struggling to see how sanctions couldn't be extended to Russian energy products, especialty gas, against a speech highlighting the reliance on Russian gas by the German Chancellor in his joint speech with Boris Johnson on Friday. Traders seem to be discounting the likelihood of interrupted flow, at least in the near-term, despite a resolution from the European Partiament to ban EU imports of Russian energy products. Front month closed the week down almost 29p/therm although traders also seemingly priced in a longer tail to the Russian invasion and the post-war fallout with Summer 23 gaining almost 25p/therm. Last week has produced an interesting shape to the NBP curve with front month now at a 30p/therm discount to Winter 22, but with the Winter 22/Summer 23 spread narrowing a little as the backend moved higher. Power markets took gas as the main signal, shrugging off movements in carbon markets, with front month and Winter 22 dropping £19.41/MWh and £10.68/MWh whits Summer 23 ratiled £19.49/MWh. Wednesday saw relatively heavy selling over the course of the afternoon to push the contract back down to £77/tone and early weakness on Thursday dragged the contract down closer to the £76/tone level. UK carbon also saw gains on the week, finishing £2.42/tone higher. Brent markets began the week with strength as traders bet on EU sanctions extending to oil, however of the course of the week was spent trying to push higher with analysts warning that the market remains tight despite strategic reserve releases. Jun 22 Brent dropped \$1.61/barrel on the week.

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