week on week

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Net Cost of Electricity and Gas for a 1st October Contract renewal Electricity £MWh Gas p/therm 350.00 300.00 250.00 200.00 150.00 100.00 50.00 0.00 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

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

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
49.30	44.49	37.23	42.30	55.73	52.90	39.23	73.40	204.50	127.65

Week commencing 15th May 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$75.20	114.30	£127.30	\$115.50
End	\$76.00	107.69	£122.99	\$111.00

The UK Gas system remained oversupplied this week despite the reduced flows from Norway due to maintenance. Temperatures were forecast for above seasonal norms which helped keep demand down. LNG flows to NW Europe and the UK remained strong with the anticipation of healthy receipts in the weeks to come. Front months saw bearish movement across the week whilst Winter 23 & Summer 24 did see some bullish movement on reported supply risk.

Week commencing 1st May 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$79.47	121.14	£135.27	\$145.25
End	\$75.39	120.43	£129.97	\$125.00

Heavy yearly maintenance continues across Norwegian infrastructure resulting in low total exit nominations to the continent, with the capacity set to decrease as we move through May. The receipt of LNG cargoes expected into UK shores and North West Europe remains strong, aiding a healthy supply picture and storage levels start to improve across Europe with the US supplying about half of Europe's current demand. Temperatures in the UK are expected to be higher above SNT to see out this week and next, before falling slightly below norms in week. Trading is at the lowest level since July 2021 even after four consecutive weeks of decline.

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

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
58.48	46.81	34.65	42.58	56.86	49.25	30.85	62.69	210.74	125.06

Week commencing 8th May 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$75.39	120.43	£129.97	\$125.00
End	\$75.20	114.30	£127.30	\$115.50

UK weather forecasts were revised during the week to show below Seasonal norms, this did little to drive prices as natural gas benchmarks continued to see weekly dips, with the longest run of weekly declines in three years. The maintenance season continued with lower flows via Langeled which are due to continue until mid to late May. LNG flows to North West Europe remain constant with 7 cargos bound for the UK in the next few weeks. Storage levels across Europe sit at around 61%, market participants see the possibility of reaching the November 1st target of 90% by early September.

Week commencing 24th April 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$81.46	125.21	£136.57	\$143.50
End	\$79.47	121.14	£135.27	\$145.25

The UK system remained comfortable throughout the week despite the higher demand during the lower temperatures, however the anticipation of higher temperatures from the 29th helped stabilise the Market. The UK continued to expect good levels of LNG Cargos berthing at UK shores with an estimated ten shipments expected over the following three weeks, as well as 31 further cargos expected in North West Europe. There was ongoing maintenance at multiple gas facilities in Norway however during the course of the week imports were stronger. An overall Bearish week.

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