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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

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
50.26	42.78	42.08	44.72	58.26	51.70	43.17	89.38	431.35	113.42

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

2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
58.88	42.80	39.80	45.02	60.20	48.33	32.44	87.77	423.15	129.78

### Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
<b>Start</b>	\$86.10	115.52	£104.96	\$106.00
<b>End</b>	\$86.84	126.36	£112.08	\$115.00

Last week saw market open up stable on the back of favorable fundamentals. This changed however on Wednesday morning as markets saw a huge jump of over 25% on spot and prompt. Initially a cut in flows from Norway was announced by Gassco for this week but the main driver came later that afternoon amid an announcement of Australian LNG supply disruptions due to union strikes. With Australia being the main LNG supplier to Japan and South Korea along with the market being relatively weak over the last few weeks due to expectations of oversupply into Winter this has now resulted in the oversupply possibly being under risk as Asian buyers look for alternative sources of LNG causing more competition for Europe. The market has somewhat retraced its gains seen last week as market participants have a little knee jerk reaction to the news.

### Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
<b>Start</b>	\$83.95	111.30	£104.98	\$104.75
<b>End</b>	\$86.10	115.52	£104.96	\$106.00

The week opened lower with strong Norwegian gas flows, and reduced gas exports from the UK via the IUK & BBL pipelines and continued bearish fundamentals. Wind generation was also strong which reduced the dependence on gas-for-power generation. However, markets did move slightly higher as the week progressed as wind speeds declined and a number of maintenance projects got underway, most notably at the Troll and Kollesnes gas fields.

### Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
<b>Start</b>	\$80.48	119.15	£110.60	\$110.50
<b>End</b>	\$83.95	111.30	£104.98	\$104.75

The week opened stable as no real change to the fundamentals other than forecasts of strong Norwegian flows throughout August, pending no unplanned maintenances. As the week progressed Gas prices reacted to the nervousness in the Market of extended maintenance however this didn't seem to filter through to Power prices. Markets remained volatile on the potential of any outage however the news of LNG to the UK was positive.

### Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
<b>Start</b>	\$80.30	109.44	£104.32	\$95.75
<b>End</b>	\$80.48	119.15	£110.60	\$110.50

The week started positive with news of improved Norwegian flows recovering from some of the previous weeks increases. Mid week saw bullish moves with an unplanned outage and concerns over the EDF announcements of potential lower Nuclear power output due to warmer river temperature. Contracts ended with further gain momentum, buoyed by predictions of UK gas demand rising above seasonal norms. Contracts were also raised to try and attract LNG cargo, with no deliveries currently anticipated in the UK before the end of the month.