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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

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
42.10	46.68	45.50	61.48	50.80	46.75	115.20	308.50	126.43	78.80

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

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
40.48	45.39	45.64	65.90	46.33	38.46	114.78	381.72	147.67	96.24

Week commencing 21st October 2024

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$72.85	96.72	£78.90	\$117.00
End	\$75.21	105.98	£85.04	\$122.40

Energy markets have been rangebound in recent weeks with bearish fundamentals being offset by the conflict in the Middle East. However, this week saw supply tightness impact prices to the upside, despite below seasonal normal demand. Unplanned outages and low wind continued to drive NBP prices higher. Markets maintained their strength throughout the week as weather forecast models showed a change to below seasonal normal for early November

Week commencing 14th October 2024

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$79.12	98.31	£80.77	\$120.50
End	\$72.85	96.72	£78.90	\$117.00

Colder and calmer weather alongside geopolitics continued to drive prices upwards this week. An increase in demand was driving the short with temperatures 3 degrees below seasonal normal and wind below seasonal normal. The cold snap passing through Europe tested the inventory levels (95% full) as heating demand increased. Also adding pressure to prices was the reduction in flows from Norway due to extended outages to the Osberg field.

Week commencing 7th October 2024

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$78.16	100.37	£81.22	\$122.05
End	\$79.12	98.31	£80.77	\$120.50

Market fundamentals remained strong, the UK Gas system was long for much of the week and despite an increased global demand for LNG the expected imports for the EU and UK remained solid. Much of the bullishness in the market arose from the conflict in the Middle East. With the recent escalations in the region, the market continued to hold risk premium in energy commodities. It was forecast that the average temperatures on the continent were set to fall similarly to the UK for the forthcoming weekend which added pressure for demand in Europe.

Week commencing 30th September 2024

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$71.64	94.41	£77.29	\$118.25
End	\$78.16	100.37	£81.22	\$122.05

UK gas prices traded higher to start the week, ongoing maintenance and colder temperatures supported prices to the upside, prices did retrace the gains on milder weather forecasts mid week but volatility soon took hold following escalations in the Middle East and after Iran launched missile attacks against Israel. The ongoing conflict continued to provide bullish support despite bearish improvements in the fundamentals.

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