

# Energy Wholesale Market Review

# Week Ending 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021



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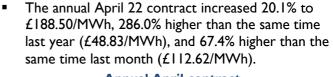


### Headlines 17/12/2021

This week saw strong bullish price movements in both gas and baseload power contracts. Day-ahead gas rose 33.3% to 340.00p/th, following rising demand and renewed concerns surrounding Russian gas deliveries via the Nord Stream 2 pipeline. Day-ahead power jumped up 68.1% to £400.00/MWh, drawing on bullish momentum seen in near-term gas contracts and exacerbated by low wind output in the week, a trend set to continue into the coming week. Front month gas contracts experienced strong gains, with January 22 gas up 30.9% at 339.67p/th, and February 22 gas increased 29.9% to 338.97p/th. Most seasonal gas contracts boosted this week, up by 10.6% on average, with summer 22 and winter 22 gas increasing 22.1% and 21.3% respectively, lifting to 198.06p/th and 201.28p/th. All seasonal baseload power contracts reported gains this week, up on average by 11.0%, as summer 22 and winter 22 expanded 18.8% and 21.3% respectively, rising to £183.00/MWh and £194.00/MWh.

#### **Baseload electricity**

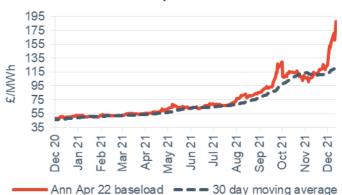
- Day-ahead power rose 68.1% to £400.00/MWh, following strong near-term gains in gas markets, exacerbated by low wind output during the week.
- January 22 power climbed 45.5% to £480.00/MWh and February 22 power rose 50.7% to £440/MWh.





Annual April contract

Q122 power moved 43.8% higher to £405.56/MWh.

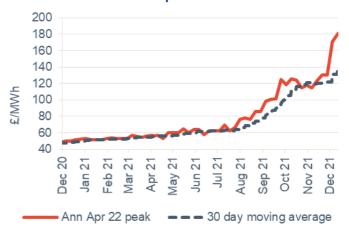


#### **Peak electricity**

- Day-ahead peak power was up 75.0% at £525.00/MWh, following its baseload counterpart higher.
- January 22 peak power gained 61.8% to £825.00/MWh, and February 22 peak power increased 84.9% to £675.00/MWh.



- This week, the annual April 22 peak power contract rose 8.8% to £200.25/MWh
- This is 264.0% higher than the same time last year (55.01/MWh), and 58.3% higher than the same time last month (£126.50/MWh).

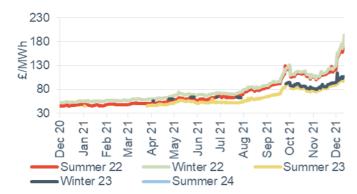


#### **Annual April contract**

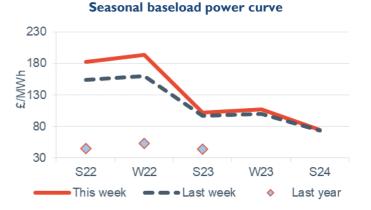
# **Seasonal power prices**



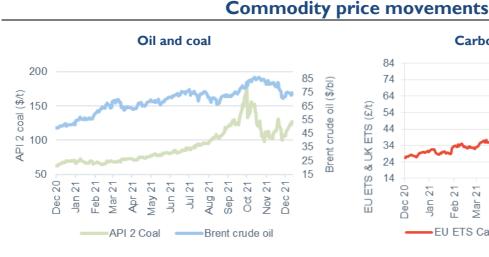
Seasonal baseload power contracts



- All seasonal power contracts boosted this week, up on average by 11.0%.
- Summer 22 and winter 22 contracts went up 18.8% and 21.3% respectively, rising to £183.00/MWh and £194.00/MWh.



- Despite gains in nearer-term seasonal peak power contracts, seasonal peak power contracts were down 8.7% on average this week.
- Summer 22 and winter 22 peak power increased 6.0% and 11.2% respectively, rising to £181.50/MWh and £219.00/MWh.





- Brent crude prices fell marginally from the week prior to average \$74.19/bl.
- This week, prices continued to be weighed on by developments related to the Covid-19 Omicron variant, with more substantial lockdown measures emerging across much of Europe and further afield.
- It is feared that demand could suffer as a consequence of renewed lockdown measures, and this has ultimately weighed on prices in the week.
- There are also reports that supply could outstrip demand next year based on current trends.
- Carbon prices saw mixed movements this week, with the UK ETS rising 4.0% to average £75.29/t, whereas the EU ETS fell, down 2.7% to average €80.68/t.
- For UK ETS prices, news from the UK ETS authority on 14 December that they would not be intervening with the scheme despite the December trigger price being met under the Cost Containment mechanism (CCM) allowed prices to climb further into the weeks end.
- EU ETS prices were dented by news a sell-off in EUA futures following Wednesday's option expiry.

### Supplier tariff movements

Sainsbury's Energy's cheapest available fixed tariff increased by £359/year to £2,209/year on average. This follows the discontinuation of its Sainsbury's Energy 2 Year Fix and Reward v24 tariff, priced at £1,850/year on average at 04 December, and the introduction of its Sainsbury's Energy 2 Year Fix and Reward v26 tariff. SSE offered the cheapest medium fix tariff with its new 2 Year Fix v14 tariff, priced at £1,800/year on average. Outfox the Market offered the cheapest short fix tariff with its Fix'd 12m Oct21 v1 tariff, priced at £2,239/year on average. This follows a £230/year increase to OVO Energy's Better Smart tariff, which was priced at  $\pounds 2,240$ /year at 11 December.

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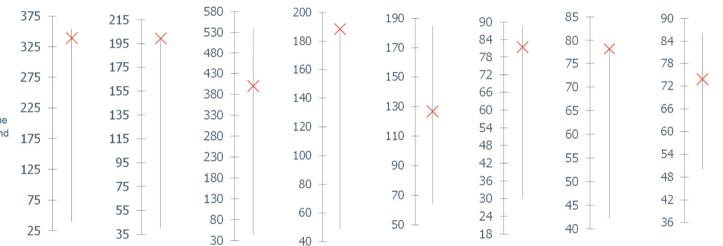
#### Carbon (UK and EU ETS)



# Wholesale price snapshot

		Gas (p/th)		Electricity (£/MWh)		Coal	EUA carbon	UKA carbon	Brent crude
		Day-ahead	Year-ahead	Day-ahead	Year-ahead	(\$/t)	(€/t)	(£/t)	(\$/bl)
This week	17 Dec 21	340.00	199.67	400.00	188.50	126.70	81.45	78.25	73.82
Last week	10 Dec 21	255.00	164.13	238.00	157.00	117.00	80.90	74.00	74.70
Four weeks ago	19 Nov 21	222.00	110.06	230.00	112.62	114.50	68.80	63.00	79.71
Last year	18 Dec 20	42.50	40.19	49.90	48.83	67.25	30.81	N/A	51.45
Year-on-year % change		700.0%	396.9%	701.6%	286.1%	88.4%	164.4%	N/A	43.5%
12-month high		355.00	199.67	540.00	188.50	185.00	88.50	78.25	86.13
12-month low		40.25	40.19	43.40	48.83	64.00	30.00	42.40	50.17

This table shows the prices last week compared with prices from the previous week, month and year. The graphs show the position of last week's prices with a red X and the range of prices over the year is represented by the black line.





# About EDW Technology Limited

EDW has an extensive history of developing, implementing, and supporting its 'best of breed' retail electricity software solutions.

In 2000, EDW began building a revolutionary new electricity software platform to support the rigorous demands of the UK's deregulated electricity supply market – a market characterised by rapidly changing government regulation, business processes, market rules, industry dataflows and customer demands. EDW were founded as a provider of high quality, end-to-end IT services and we have remained true to that aim ever since, servicing a range of companies in the energy industry.

For over 20 years, our software product ERS has empowered business electricity suppliers to transform customer experience, improve business efficiency, reduce costs to serve and improve profitability.

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The industrial and commercial electricity supply market has unique business requirements that need to be serviced with a specialised set of IT system capabilities. Sophisticated business customers are willing to actively engage in the management of their energy accounts and solutions need to provide tools that support enhanced service interaction. EDW has gathered an extensive knowledge of the industrial and commercial market sector that enables the delivery of a powerful set of system capabilities essential to your requirements to service this complex and demanding market sector.

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