

Energy Wholesale Market Review

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Headlines 01/04/2022

The majority of power and gas contracts increased this week. Day-ahead gas climbed 16.0% to 298.00p/th, supported by colder temperatures and an undersupplied gas system towards the end of the week. The new month-ahead contract (May 2022) gained 11.3% to 298.23p/th and June 2022 gas jumped 23.4% to 301.93p/th. Seasonal gas contracts moved 2.7% higher on average. Winter 22 gas saw the greatest movements, rising 11.8% to 297.50p/th. In contrast, summer 23 gas lost 4.8% to 149.40p/th. Day-ahead power surged 21.9% to £245.00/MWh, driven higher by rising gas prices and decreasing wind generation. Month-ahead power lifted 7.1% to £249.00/MWh and June 22 power leapt 19.2% to £253.00/MWh. Seasonal power contracts climbed 8.9% on average, with summer 22 power jumping 16.6% to £260.00/MWh. Meanwhile, summer 23 power rose 3.7% to £140.00/MWh. Brent crude oil fell 4.9% to average \$111.04/bl, pressured by the potential release of oil from the US Strategic Reserve and rising OPEC+ supply. EU ETS carbon lifted 0.3% to average €79.24/t, while UK ETS slipped 1.1% to average £76.35/t.

Baseload electricity

- Day-ahead power gained 21.9% to £245.00/MWh, supported by higher gas prices and falling wind generation towards the end of the week.
- May 22 power lifted 7.1% to £249.00/MWh and June 22 power climbed 19.2% to £253.00/MWh.
- Q3-22 power rose 18.3% to £260.00/MWh.
- The annual October 22 contract jumped 11.7% to £200.00/MWh, 275.8% higher than the same time last year (£53.22/MWh).

Forward curve comparison



Annual October contract



Peak electricity

- Day-ahead peak power rose 10.9% to £255.00/MWh, following baseload power higher.
- May 22 peak power gained 8.2% to £264.96/MWh and June 22 peak power jumped 17.4% to £268.16/MWh.
- The annual October 22 peak power was unchanged at £229.72/MWh
- This is 285.8% higher than the same time last year (£59.54/MWh).

Forward curve comparison



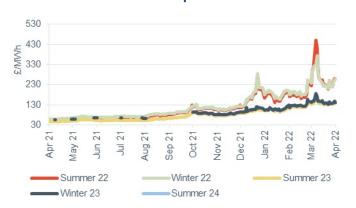
Annual October contract





Seasonal power prices

Seasonal baseload power contracts



- All seasonal power contracts increased this week, up by 11.7% on average.
- Winter 22 power leapt 16.6% to £260.00/MWh, while summer 23 power edged 3.7% higher to £140.00/MWh.

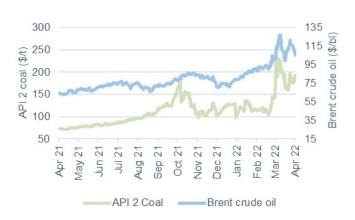
Seasonal baseload power curve



- Seasonal peak power contracts were little changed this week.
- Winter 22 peak power was unchanged at £317.43/MWh, while the winter 23 contract lifted 1.9% to £185.00/MWh.

Commodity price movements

Oil and coal



Carbon (UK and EU ETS)



- Brent crude oil fell 4.9% to average \$111.04/bl, this week.
- Prices were pressured by the potential release of 180mn oil from the US Strategic Reserve, which would mark the largest release in its history.
- In addition, the OPEC+ decision to stick to a previously agreed 432,000 barrel per day production increase from May added further downward pressure to prices.
- Carbon markets saw mixed movements from the previous week. UK ETS carbon lost 1.1% to average £76.35/t, while EU ETS carbon lifted 0.3% to average €79.24/t.
- EU ETS prices found support from colder temperatures, although price gains were capped by weak auction results on Friday.

Supplier tariff movements

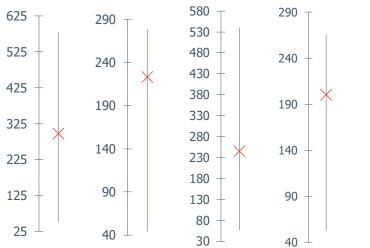
No suppliers changed the price of their cheapest available tariff between 19 and 26 March, while no new tariffs were introduced and no existing tariffs were discontinued. As a result, Ovo Energy continued to offer the cheapest fixed tariff on the market with its 2 Year Fixed tariff, priced at £2,290/year on average at 26 March. Ovo Energy also offered the cheapest short-term fixed tariff with its Better Smart tariff priced at £2,880/year on average.

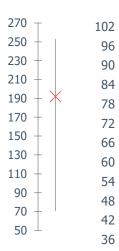


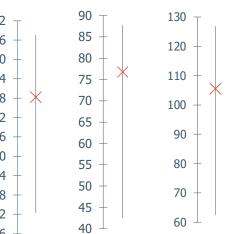
Wholesale price snapshot

		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	1 Apr 22	298.00	223.45	245.00	200.00	192.00	78.30	76.75	105.53
Last week	25 Mar 22	257.00	211.50	201.00	179.00	190.00	78.55	77.25	117.00
Four weeks ago	4 Mar 22	395.00	261.03	335.00	232.50	190.00	68.36	73.50	112.55
Last year	1 Apr 21	51.00	44.12	57.00	53.22	72.50	42.42	N/A	63.83
Year-on-year % change		484.3%	406.5%	329.8%	275.8%	164.8%	84.6%	N/A	65.3%
12-month high		580.00	279.07	540.00	265.00	253.00	97.61	87.75	126.84
12-month low		51.00	44.12	57.00	52.88	70.65	42.42	42.40	62.44

This table shows the prices this 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 21 years, our software product ERS has empowered business electricity suppliers to transform customer experience, improve business efficiency, reduce costs to serve and improve profitability.

EDW has a UK based team of 85 employees working from the EDW offices in Milton Keynes.

Industrial and commercial billing specialists

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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