

Energy Wholesale Market Review

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Headlines 10/03/2023

Most power and gas contracts fell this week, with the recent bearish pricing trend continuing from the start of this year. Day-ahead gas fell 3.3% to 118.0p/th, as gas supply levels in the country increased, despite an extended cold period across GB increasing gas for power demand. Day-ahead power fell 26.5% to £100.0/MWh, with forecasted expectations of higher wind power generation acting to decrease prices. Similarly, April 23 gas was up 2.2% at 117.5p/th, and May 23 gas increased 2.5% to 118.7p/th. Most seasonal gas contracts boosted last week, up by 0.6% on average, with both summer 23 and winter 23 gas increasing 2.6% and 1.4% respectively, lifting to 120.0p/th and 143.0p/th. Most seasonal power contracts boosted this week, up on average by 2.8%, as summer 23 and winter 23 expanded 3.1% and 4.1% respectively, rising to £131.0/MWh and £159.0/MWh.

- Baseload electricityDay-ahead power fell 26.5% to £100.0/MWh, following forecasts of increased wind power generation next week.
- April 23 power slipped 1.8% at £124.7/MWh and May 23 power decreased 2.0% to £124.5/MWh.
- Q223 power moved 0.8% higher to £128.0/MWh.
- The annual April 23 contract rose 3.7% to £145.0/MWh, 0.7% higher than the same time last year (£144.0/MWh).



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Peak electricity

Last year

 Day-ahead peak power was down 15.4% to £123.30/MWh, following baseload power lower.

This week

 April 23 peak power declined 4.3% at £131.7/MWh, and May 23 peak power decreased 9.3% to £126.25/MWh.



- The annual April 23 peak power rose 0.2% to £164.0/MWh
- This is 4.4% lower than the same time last year (171.6/MWh).





Seasonal power prices

Seasonal baseload power contracts



- All seasonal power contracts boosted this week, up on average by 2.8%.
- Summer 23 and winter 23 expanded 3.1% and 4.1% respectively, rising to £131.0/MWh and £159.0/MWh.

Seasonal baseload power curve



- Most seasonal peak power contracts declined this week, down 0.3% on average.
- Summer 23 gas dropped 1.8% to £139.0/MWh, while winter 23 peak power increased 1.1% to £189.0/MWh

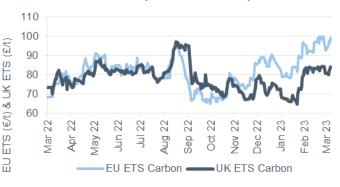
Commodity price movements

Oil and coal

400 135 350 API2 coal (\$/t) 300 250 75 200 ent 150 100 23 Aug 22 Sep 22 3 Jun Oct Feb Mar Jan Brent crude oil Source: Cornw all Insight

- Brent crude oil fell 0.03% on the previous week to average \$83.69/bl.
- Brent crude saw bearish movements during the past seven days, as potential future Chinese demand rises outweighs the increases in US crude inventory levels.
- Price drops were limited by the supply deficit from Russia, however.
- Prices will increase as a result of the drop in US shale production, allowing OPEC to return as the most influential force in global oil supply.

Carbon (UK and EU ETS)



Both EU and UK ETS schemes saw their average price this week fall, with a 0.5% decrease to EU ETS carbon (€96.71/t), and UK ETS carbon seeing a 1.7% decline (£81.91/t).

Source: Cornwall Insight

 Following the approach of the 2023 contract settlement deadline of 30 April, confirmed by the European Council in order to raise funds for the RepowerEU plan, demand for EU allowance (EUA) certificates has grown

Supplier tariff movements

Octopus Energy continued to offer the cheapest variable tariff on the market at 4 March with its Flexible Octopus October 2022 v1 tariff, priced at £2,485/year on average, £15/year below the Energy Price Guarantee (EPG) level. Similarly, Octopus Energy continued to offer the cheapest prepayment tariff at 4 March with its Flexible Octopus Key and Card October 2022 v1 tariff, priced at £2,544/year on average, £35/year below the prepayment EPG level.



Wholesale price snapshot

| | Gas (p/th) | | Electricit | Electricity (£/MWh) | | EUA carbon | UKA carbon | Brent crude |
|--|--|------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| | Day-ahead | Year-ahead | Day-ahead | Year-ahead | (\$/t) | (€/t) | (£/t) (\$/bl) | |
| This week 10 Mar 23 | 118.00 | 131.50 | 100.00 | 145.00 | 133.00 | 99.10 | 84.00 | 81.00 |
| Last week 3 Mar 23 | 122.00 | 129.00 | 136.00 | 139.88 | 146.00 | 92.45 | 80.75 | 84.55 |
| Four weeks ago 10 Feb 23 | 136.00 | 150.00 | 140.00 | 157.50 | 137.00 | 92.40 | 84.00 | 86.20 |
| Last year 11 Mar 22 | 295.00 | 156.05 | 230.00 | 144.00 | 205.00 | 75.00 | 72.50 | 111.20 |
| Year-on-year % change | -60.0% | -15.7% | -56.5% | 0.7% | -35.1% | 32.1% | 15.9% | -27.2% |
| 12-month high | 548.00 | 674.50 | 595.00 | 555.00 | 340.00 | 100.00 | 97.00 | 123.80 |
| 12-month low | 28.00 | 117.20 | 63.00 | 130.25 | 126.00 | 65.09 | 64.75 | 75.35 |
| 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. | 600 T 500 - 400 - 300 - 200 - 100 - | 750 | 650 T 550 - 450 - 350 - 250 - 150 - | 650 — 550 — 450 — 350 — 250 — | 350 - 300 - 250 - 200 - 150 - X 100 - 50 - 300 - | 95 - 90 - 85 - 80 - 75 - 70 - 65 - 60 - | 100 T 95 - 90 - 85 - 80 - 75 - 70 - 65 - 60 - | 130 T 120 - 110 - 100 - 90 - 80 - × |



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 22 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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