

# **Energy Wholesale Market Review**

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#### Headlines 24/11/2023

It was a mostly bullish week for gas and power contracts this week, with day-ahead contracts registering the largest gains. Following this, day-ahead gas rose 18.2% to 123.50p/th, as reduced temperatures forecast across the week acted to boost gas-for-heating demand. Following its gas counterpart higher, day-ahead power rose 32.2% to £119/MWh, with strong support from decreased wind outturn projections, alongside increased consumption forecasts throughout the week creating a bullish pricing sentiment. Likewise, December 23 gas was up 4.3% at 119.50p/th, and January 24 gas increased 1.2% to 122.50p/th. Most seasonal gas contracts declined last week, down by 1.2% on average, while summer 24 gas increased 1.0% to 117.00p/th and winter 24 gas was unchanged at 131.00p/th. Most seasonal power contracts boosted this week, up on average by 1.0%, as summer 24 power expanded 3.0% to £102.00/MWh, while winter 24 was static at £118.00/MWh.

## **Baseload electricity**

- Day-ahead power rose 32.2% to £119/MWh, following a rapid decrease in wind generation projections acting to tighten system margins.
- December 23 power climbed 6.4% at £103.5/MWh and January 24 power increased 0.7% to £111.75/MWh.



- Q124 power moved 0.2% lower to £110.5/MWh.
- The annual April 24 contract rose 1.4% to £110/MWh, 50.3% lower than the same time last year (£221.25/MWh).



# **Peak electricity**

- Day-ahead peak power was up 23.9% to £134.40/MWh, following its baseload counterpart higher.
- December 23 peak power gained 5.0% at £121.08/MWh, and January 24 peak power increased 1.1% to £136.17/MWh.
- This is 50.0% lower than the same time last year (245.25/MWh).

  Annual April contract

The annual April 24 peak power rose 1.2% to £122.7/MWh.







# Seasonal power prices

#### Seasonal baseload power contracts



- Most seasonal power contracts boosted this week, up on average by 1.0%.
- Summer 24 power expanded 3.0% to £102.00/MWh, while winter 24 remained the same, at £118.00/MWh.

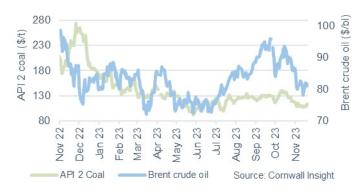
#### Seasonal peak power curve



- Most Seasonal peak power contracts boosted this week, up 1.3% on average.
- Summer 24 and winter 24 peak power increased 2.5% and 0.2% respectively, increasing to £108.40/MWh and £137.00/MWh.

## **Commodity price movements**

#### Oil and coal



- Overall, oil prices increased this week, as we continue to monitor levels of price volatility— with varying market fundamentals influencing price movement.
- As a result, we saw a 0.6% week-on-week increase across
   Brent crude, with prices averaging \$81.61/bl.
- Brent crude prices were weighed this week by emerging concerns surrounding OPEC+ deepening supply cuts into next year. The group have scheduled a meeting on 30 November to determine their decision.
- Despite this, bearish pricing influences arose from a rise in US crude inventories and production across the country.
- Further bearish pricing influences arose due to hopes that Venezuela will soon produce one million barrels of oil a day following US sanctions temporarily lifting, easing OPEC+ supply concerns.

#### Carbon (UK and EU ETS)



- Like many other global commodity markets, carbon prices continue to respond sensitively to wider geopolitical uncertainty.
- For the UK more specifically however, high heating demand as a result of colder temperatures weigh bearishly on prices. Looking forward, the government's Autumn Statement reiterated that it would reduce the number of ETS permits available for purchase from government by 45% between 2023 and 2027 within the UK ETS.
- For the EU, an uncertain weather outlook drew bearish pricing sentiment. Despite this, bullish influence largely emerged from speculation that month-long declines are ending with the expire of the December contract approaching.
- This resulted in a mixed picture across carbon prices, with EU ETS carbon easing 3.3% to €76.17/t and UK ETS carbon experiencing a week-on-week increase of 4.4% to £43.82/t.

# **Supplier tariff movements**

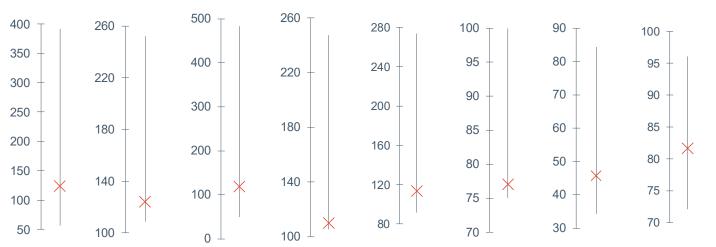
So Energy offered the cheapest fixed tariff in our dataset on 18 November with its So Lavender tariff, priced at £1,868/year on average. Home Energy continued to offer the cheapest variable tariff on the market with its Home SVT tariff, priced at £1,763/year in average, £71/year below the price cap.



# 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)
Last week	24 Nov 23	123.50	124.00	119.00	110.00	113.50	77.10	45.75	81.70
Two weeks ago	17 Nov 23	104.50	123.40	90.00	108.50	107.00	77.13	42.20	78.25
Four weeks ago	27 Oct 23	118.95	142.75	95.00	119.63	127.50	79.90	38.30	90.05
Last year	24 Nov 22	148.00	227.50	142.00	211.00	234.00	77.25	68.50	84.60
Year-on-year % change		-16.6%	-45.5%	-16.2%	-47.9%	-51.5%	-0.2%	-33.2%	-3.4%
12-month high		392.00	252.00	483.00	247.50	274.00	100.00	84.50	96.05
12-month low		57.00	108.80	49.25	105.48	91.50	75.05	34.25	72.05

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.





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