Energy Wholesale Market Review

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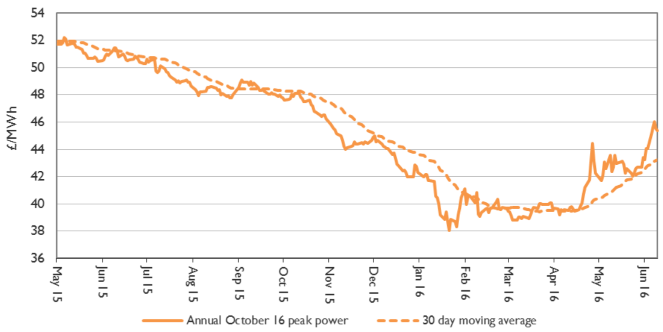
Most longer term power and gas contracts rose this week, following oil and coal markets higher. Winter 16 gas grew 2.8% to 39.0p/th, with a climb in oil prices. Winter 16 power rose 2.8% to £42.8/MWh, following gas prices higher. Day-ahead gas lost 2.2% to 33.8p/th, as demand fell due to a rise in temperatures. In contrast, day-ahead power gained 3.0% to £38.0/MWh, amid a decrease in wind generation of 69.0% and an increase coal fired output by 66.3%. Week-on-week Brent crude oil jumped 2.1% to $51.2/bl, and on average gained 3.5% to $51.3/bl. Prices hit a near eight-month high on Wednesday afternoon of $52.4/bl due to a weaker dollar, further militant attacks on oil infrastructure in Nigeria, supply outages in Canada, stronger Chinese demand and falling US inventories. Week-on-week API 2 coal slipped 0.5% to $52.0/t, however over the week average prices were up 6.4%. On Tuesday 7 June coal prices reached $54.60/t, the highest price since August 2015. EU ETS carbon gained 0.5% to €6.0/t.

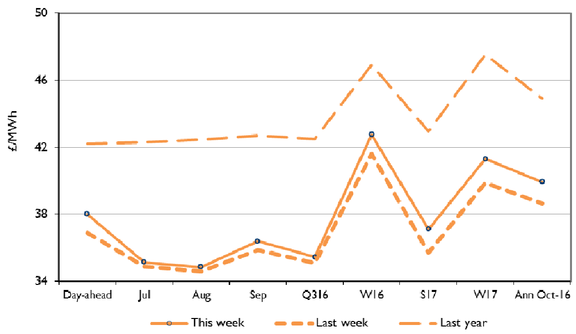
Baseload electricity

- Annual October 16 power gained 3.3% to £39.9/MWh this week, 6.2% above its level last month (£37.6MWh), but 11.1% below its value last year (£44.9MWh).
- The contract increased following a rise in its gas counterpart.
- Day-ahead power went up 3.0% to £38.0/MWh. On Thursday 9 June prices rose to a three-month high of £38.31/MWh, owing to significantly subdued forecast wind output.
- The month-ahead contract (July) grew 0.7% to £35.2MWh, 16.9% lower than the same period last year.

Annual October contract



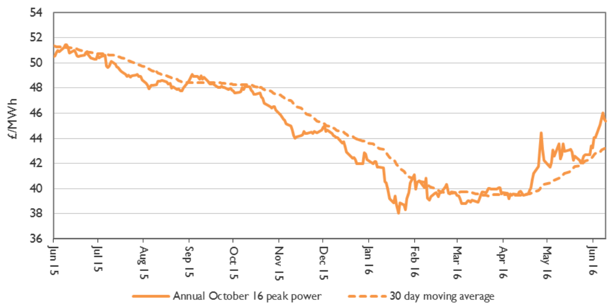
Forward curve comparison



Peak electricity

- Annual October 16 peak power grew 2.9% this week to £45.4/MWh. There was a rise in both the winter contract and the summer contract.
- The contract is 5.6% above its level last month (£43.0/MWh), but 10.7% below its level last year (£50.8/MWh).
- All peak power contracts increased this week.
- Day-ahead peak power gained 3.9% to £43.0/MWh, due to higher demand.
- A maximum peak demand of 35.8GW occurred on Tuesday 7 June. Month-ahead peak power lifted 1.0% to £39.7/MWh.

Annual April contract



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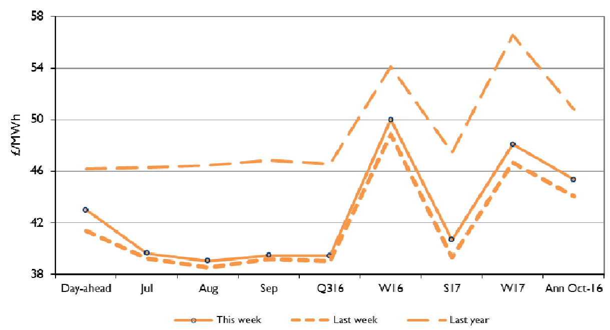
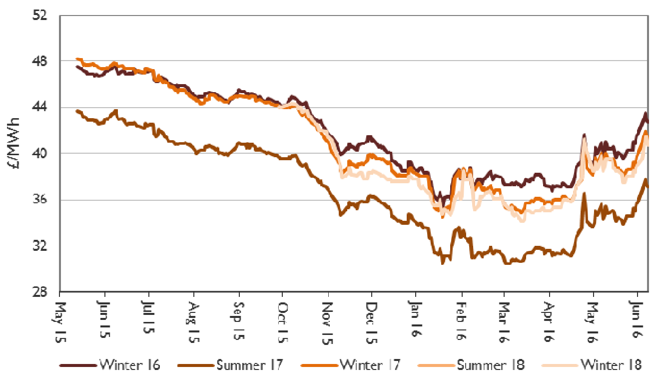
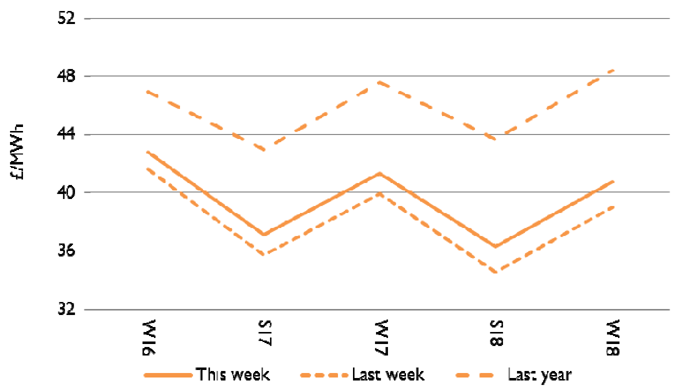


Seasonal power prices

Seasonal power contracts



Seasonal power curve



- Seasonal peak-power contracts all experienced gains this week. Winter 16 peak power was up 2.4% to £50.0MWh, 5.2% above last month's levels (£47.6/MWh), but 7.6% below last year's level (£54.1MWh).

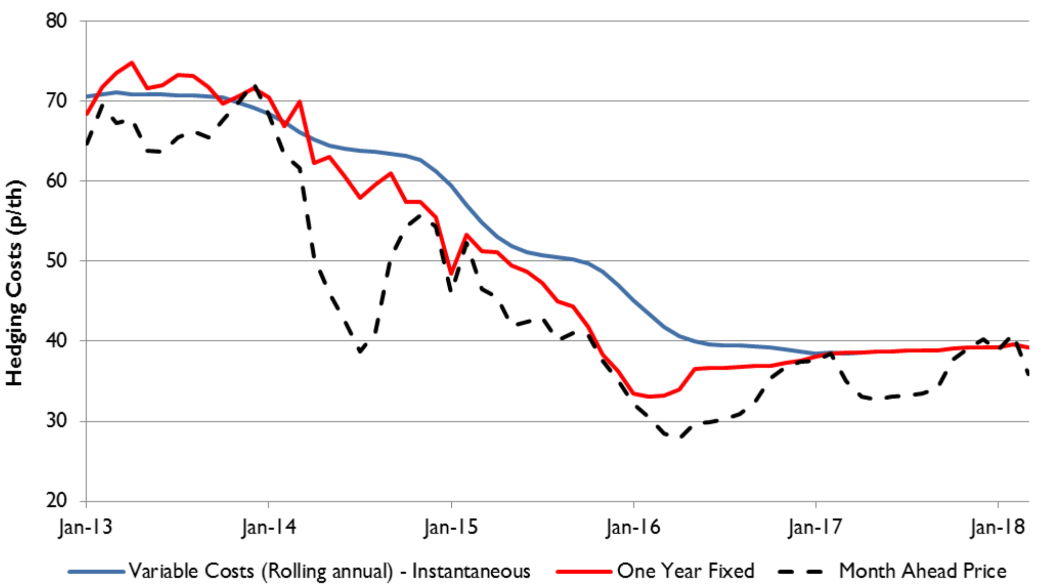
- Summer 17 grew 3.6% to £40.7/MWh. Prices are now 6.1% above the level they were a month ago (£38.4/MWh), but 14.2% below the same period last year (£47.5/MWh).

Supplier hedging strategies

Power and gas contracts rose to multi-month highs in May, with seasonal power contracts averaging their highest levels since December 2015. The annual October 16 power contract climbed 6.1% to average £37.4/MWh, with increasing gas and coal prices. API 2 coal prices grew 7.5% to average $46.9/t. Annual October 16 gas lifted 7.7% to average 34.7p/th, with a surge in oil prices. Brent crude oil jumped 10.6% to average $47.6/bl.

There were 19 price changes to fixed domestic dual-fuel tariffs in May. Of these, 12 were reductions and seven were increases. Some notable tariff decreases were seen at Sainsbury's Energy (-16.2%), EDF (-5.0%, -3.9%), First Utility (-3.8%), Utility Warehouse (-3.3%), GB Energy Supply (-2.6%), SO Energy (-2.6%), and Scottish Power (-2.3%). Notable increases were seen at First Utility (+4.8%), Bristol Energy (+3.1%), and Places for People Energy (+2.5%).

Despite power and gas prices rising to multi-month highs during May, there were more tariff decreases in domestic dual-fuel tariffs than increases, suggesting most suppliers featured are longer hedged. However, wholesale power prices are below last year's levels, and this is reflected in the tariff reductions seen since.

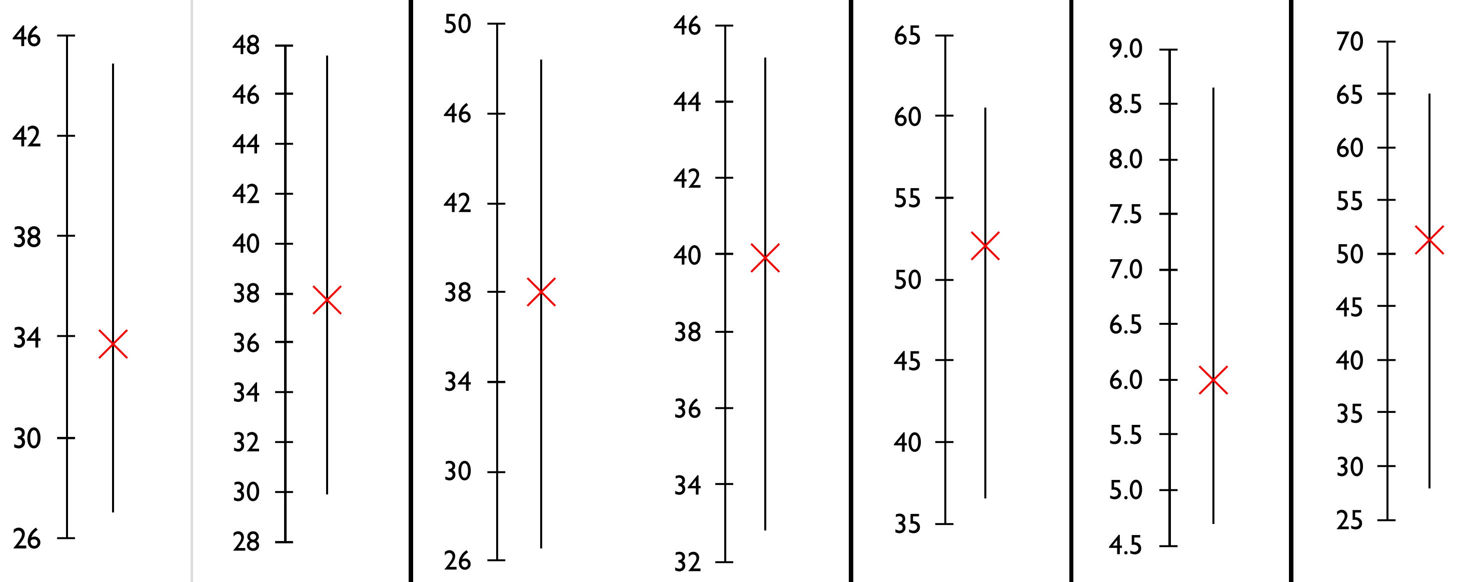


Wholesale price snapshot

Key market indicators: 10/06/2016

		Gas (p/th)		Electricity (£/MWh)		Coal	Carbon	Brent crude
		Day-ahead	Year-ahead	Day-ahead	Year-ahead	($/t)	(€/t)	($/bl)
This week	10 Jun 16	33.75	37.70	38.00	39.93	52.00	5.99	51.20
Last week	3 Jun 16	34.50	36.48	36.90	38.65	52.25	5.96	50.13
Last month	13 May 16	31.00	35.06	35.80	37.60	45.80	5.75	47.65
Last year	12 Jun 15	43.35	47.58	42.20	44.93	58.10	7.57	64.76
Year-on-year % change		(22%)	(21%)	(10%)	(11%)	(10%)	(21%)	(21%)
Year high		44.85	47.59	48.40	45.13	60.50	8.64	64.98
Year low		27.00	29.88	26.56	32.84	36.55	4.69	27.83

This table shows the price this week compared with prices from the previous week, month and year. The graphs show the position of this 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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