



Energy Wholesale Market Review

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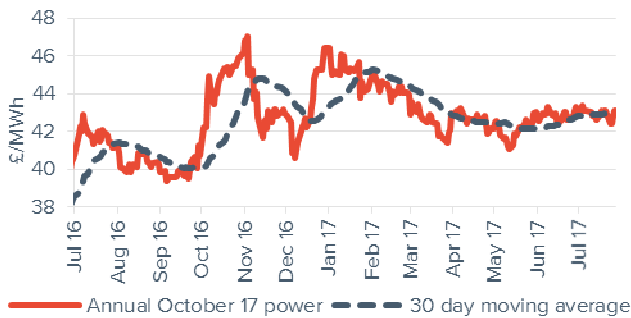
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All gas contracts, Brent crude oil and API 2 coal prices experienced gains this week. In contrast, EU ETS carbon prices decreased, whilst power contracts experienced mixed movements. Day-ahead baseload power slipped 0.2% to £40.2/MWh. The month-ahead contract (August) increased by 2.3% to £40.2/MWh. Winter 17 power lowered 0.2% to £46.2/MWh, and summer 18 power was unchanged at £40.0/MWh. Week-on-week, day-ahead gas rose 2.7% to 38.5p/th, as the ongoing outage at the Kollsnes gas processing plant continued to restrict imports from Norway. The month-ahead (August) contract climbed 4.7% to 38.6p/th. Week-on-week, winter 17 gas moved 0.2% higher to 45.5p/th, and summer 18 gas went up 0.2% to 39.4p/th. Brent crude oil prices climbed 1.8% to average \$50.0/bl. On Friday, Brent crude oil reached an eight-week high of \$51.7/bl, as falling US crude inventories and lower US crude production increased optimism over a reduction in global oversupply. Prices were also driven higher after Saudi Arabia pledged to limit crude exports to 6.6mn bl/d in August and Nigeria said it would cap oil production once it stabilises at 1.8mn bl/d. API 2 coal rose 0.7% to average \$73.1/t. On Wednesday, coal prices hit an eight-month high of \$73.4/t. Continued strong demand from Asia and ongoing supply issues in South Africa helped to push prices higher. EU ETS carbon prices dropped 4.6% this week to average €5.2/t.

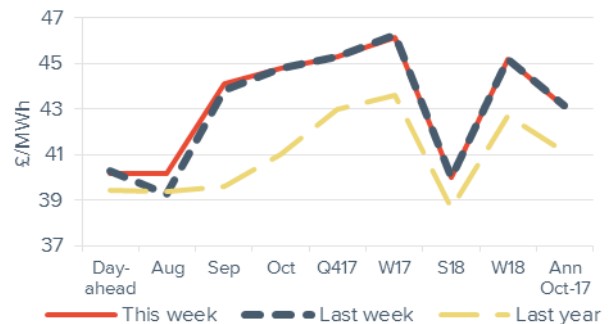
Baseload electricity

- Near-term baseload power contracts experienced mixed movements this week.
- Day-ahead baseload power slipped 0.2% to £40.2/MWh.
- The month-ahead contract (August) increased by 2.3% to £40.2/MWh.
- The annual October 17 power contract increased 0.1% to £43.1/MWh.

Annual October contract



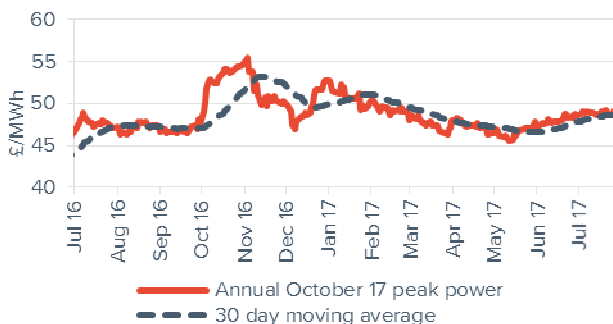
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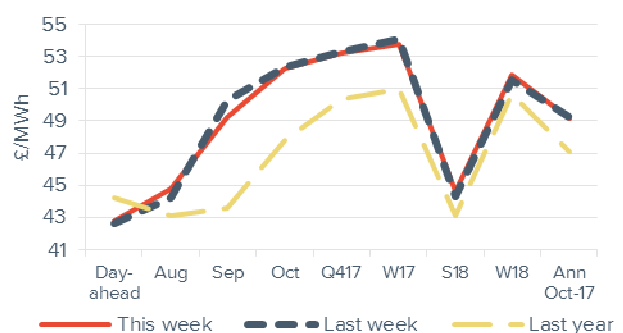
Peak electricity

- Similar to their baseload counterparts, near-term peak power contracts experienced mixed movements this week.
- Day-ahead peak power lifted 0.4% to £42.8/MWh. The contract was £2.7/MWh higher than its baseload counterpart.
- The month-ahead (August) contract climbed 1.1% to £44.8/MWh. The contract was £4.6/MWh above its baseload counterpart.
- Annual October 17 peak power lost 0.1% to £49.2/MWh. The contract was £6.1/MWh above its baseload counterpart.

Annual October contract



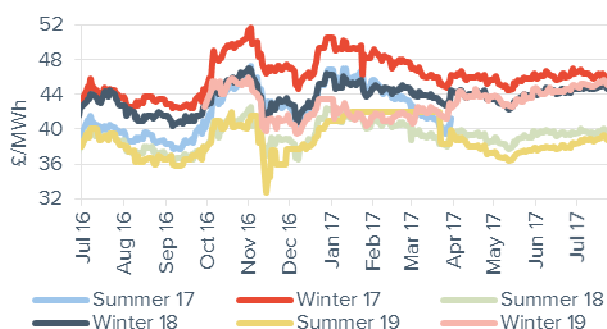
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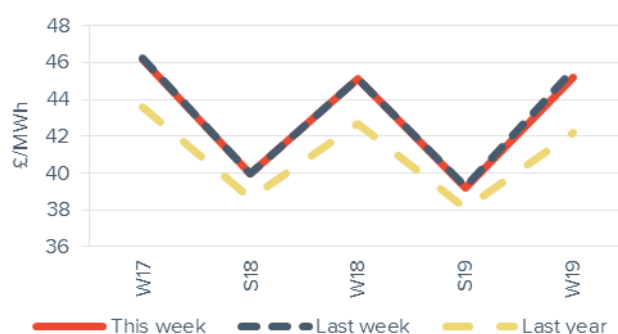


Seasonal power prices

Seasonal baseload power contracts



Seasonal baseload power curve



- All seasonal baseload power contracts were little changed this week.
- Winter 17 power lowered 0.2% to £46.2/MWh.
- Summer 18 power was unchanged at £40.0/MWh.
- Seasonal peak power contracts were also mixed this week. Winter 17 peak power went down 0.6% to £53.8/MWh.
- On average, seasonal peak contracts experienced no change this week.

Supplier hedging strategies

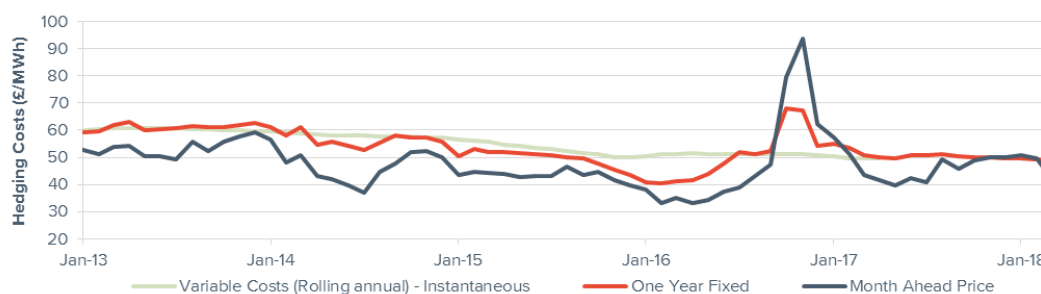
During June, most seasonal gas and power contracts moved higher. Near-term gas contracts experienced losses, whilst near-term power contracts saw mixed movements. API 2 coal and EU ETS carbon prices gained, whilst Brent crude oil prices declined.

The annual October 17 gas contract slipped 0.5% from May to average 42.3p/th. The annual October 17 baseload power contract gained 1.9% to average £42.9/MWh. Brent crude oil prices dropped 7.3% to average \$47.8/bl in June. On average, API 2 coal prices jumped 4.6% to \$68.5/t, and EU ETS carbon prices increased 6.6% to €5.0/t.

During June, the price changes seen to fixed domestic dual-fuel tariffs were mainly decreases. 37 of the price changes were decreases, whereas 17 of the price changes were increases. The largest price decrease was SSE's "1 Year Fixed v11" tariff, which fell by 16.0% to £890.3/year. In contrast, the largest price increase was Green Network Energy's "Family 18 Month Fixed V2" tariff, which rose by 8.8% to £978.4/year.

The one-year fixed price shown below (red line) provides a fixed hedging cost for one year from the month after the month in question, based on the forward curve. This measure is used to create a benchmark for fixed tariff offers put into the market by suppliers. The instantaneous price (green line) is representative of the hedging strategies of large suppliers, which typically purchase energy little and often to be consumed in a future period. Therefore, the instantaneous price shows a 'longer-hedged' strategy of buying power up to the current date, whereas the red line shows a 'shorter-hedged' strategy for a 12-month period looking forwards.

Between the start of 2015 and July 2016, it was cheaper to use the shorter-hedged strategy as wholesale power prices have steadily declined. Since July 2016, the longer-hedged strategy has been cheaper, however both strategies are converging and close to overlapping again, which can be seen in the graph.

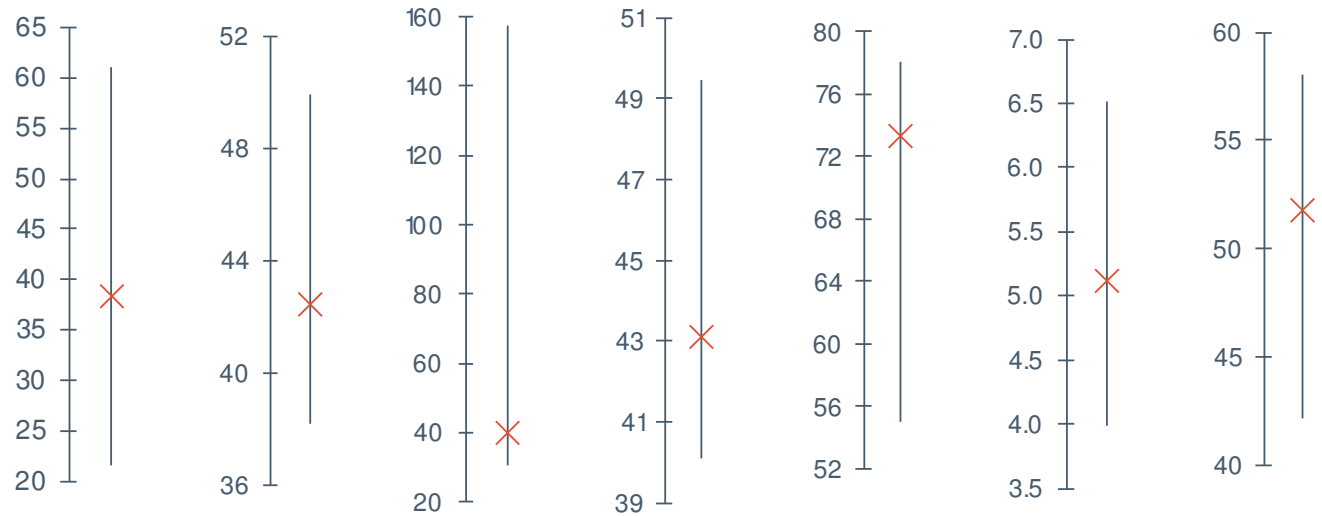




Wholesale price snapshot

		Gas (p/th)		Electricity (£/MWh)		Coal	Carbon	Brent crude
		Day-ahead	Year-ahead	Day-ahead	Year-ahead	(\$/t)	(€/t)	(\$/bbl)
This week	28 Jul 17	38.50	42.44	40.15	43.08	73.30	5.12	51.73
Last week	21 Jul 17	37.50	42.36	40.25	43.13	73.00	5.26	49.52
Four weeks ago	30 Jun 17	36.00	41.68	43.50	42.97	69.80	4.95	47.66
Last year	29 Jul 16	35.75	43.02	39.40	41.13	61.00	4.41	42.26
Year-on-year %change		7.7%	-14%	1.9%	4.7%	20.2%	16.1%	22.4%
Year high		61.00	49.91	157.73	49.45	78.00	6.52	58.04
Year low		21.50	38.14	30.28	40.08	55.00	3.98	42.11

This table shows the prices this week compared with prices from the last 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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