



Energy Wholesale Market Review

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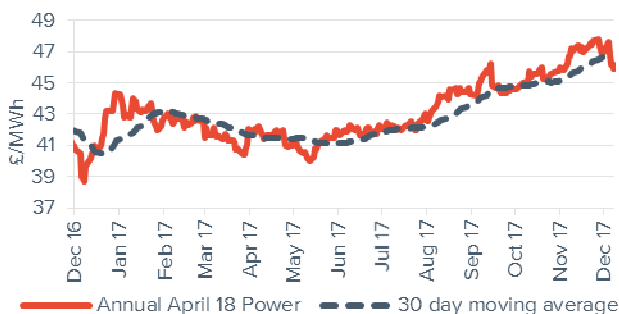
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Mixed results occurred across contracts this week, with near-term gas contracts experiencing gains. In contrast, most near-term baseload and peak power contracts lowered. The day-ahead gas contract grew 1.3% to 57.8p/th. With prices supported by higher gas-for-power demand amid low nuclear output. Expectations of colder weather for the following week also aided prices. Most near-term baseload power contracts lowered this week. However, the day-ahead contract lifted 4.5% to £56.0/MWh. Prices were strengthened falling wind and solar PV generation across the week. All seasonal power contracts lowered this week, with the winter 18 and summer 19 power contracts both declining 2.2% and 3.3% to £48.5/MWh and £40.1/MWh respectively. Most near-term peak power contracts declined this week. However, like power, day-ahead peak power lifted 6.5% to £61.8/MWh. Brent crude oil prices retreated from the previous week's gains, falling 1.6% to average \$62.4/bl. Losses stemmed from rising US production throughout the week. EU ETS carbon prices weakened 3.0% to average €7.4/t. Prices were depressed by weak auction results during the week. Brent crude oil prices retreated from the previous week's gains, falling 1.6% to average \$62.4/bl. API 2 coal prices increased 1.2% this week to average \$86.0/t. Gains stemmed from regained Chinese demand, with the nation scaling back its recent gasification campaign.

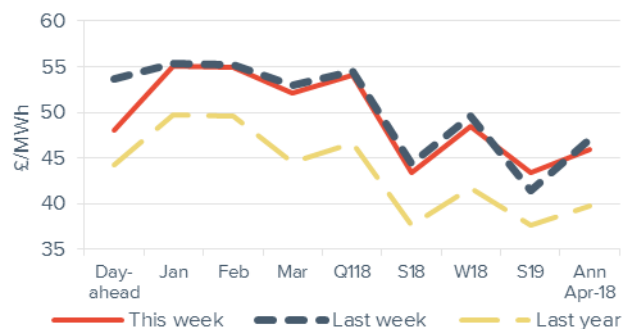
Baseload electricity

- Most near-term baseload power contracts lowered last week.
- In contrast, the day-ahead contract lifted 4.5% to £56.0/MWh. Prices were strengthened falling wind and solar PV generation across the week.
- The month-ahead (January) contract dipped 0.4% to £55.1/MWh. The contract is now 10.8% above its level last year (£49.7/MWh).
- The annual April 18 power contract dropped 2.3% to £45.9/MWh.

Annual April contract



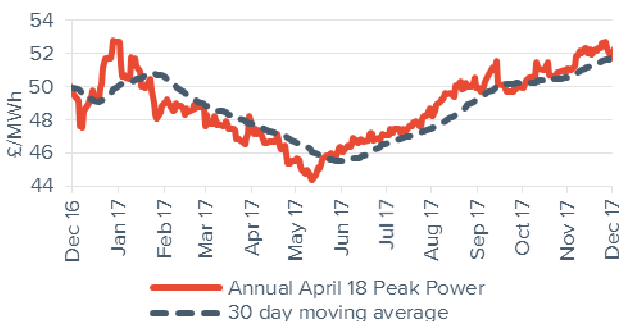
Forward curve comparison



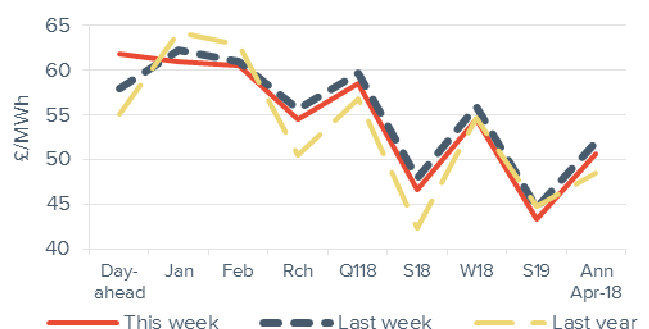
Peak electricity

- Most near-term peak power contracts declined last week.
- However, day-ahead peak power lifted 6.5% to £61.8/MWh. The contract ended the week £5.8/MWh higher than its baseload counterpart.
- The month-ahead (January) contract lowered 2.0% to £61.0/MWh. The contract finished the week £5.9/MWh higher than its baseload counterpart.
- Annual April 18 peak power lost 2.6% to £50.6/MWh. The contract was £4.7/MWh above its baseload power counterpart.

Annual April contract

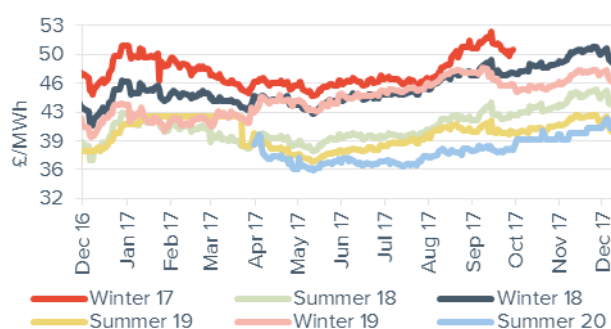


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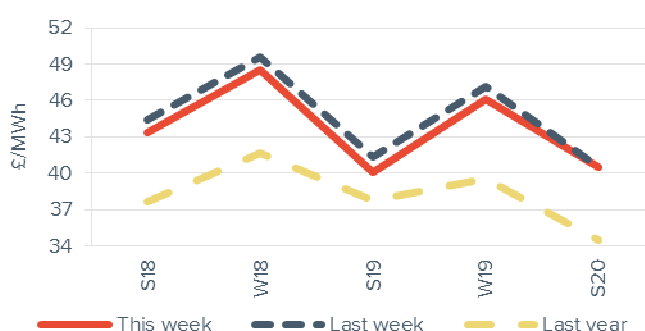




Seasonal baseload power contracts



Seasonal baseload power curve



- All seasonal power contracts reduced this week.
- Summer 18 baseload power fell 1.6% to £44.4/MWh. The winter 18 and summer 19 power contracts both declined 1.5% and 1.7% to £49.6/MWh and £41.4/MWh respectively
- Seasonal peak power contracts followed near-term contracts downwards this week.
- The summer 18 contract declined 1.4% to £47.9/MWh. Winter 18 power went down 1.3% to £55.9/MWh.

Supplier hedging strategies

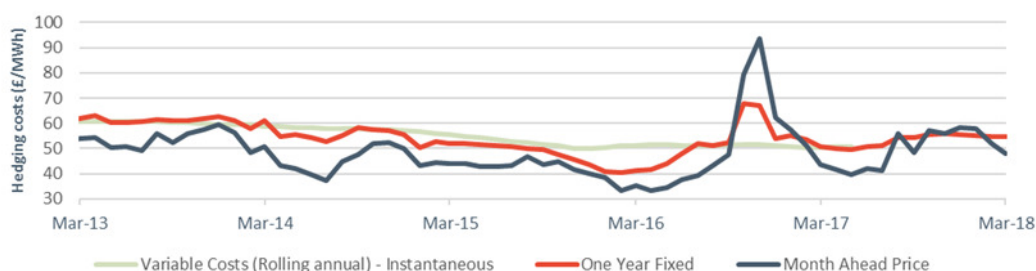
All power and gas contracts experienced gains across November, with near-term and seasonal contracts reaching multi-month highs. Brent crude oil, API 2 coal and EU ETS carbon prices all reached multi-year highs.

The annual April 18 gas contract lifted 4.8% across November to average 48.2p/th. The annual April 18 power contract lifted 4.8% to £48.2/MWh. Brent crude oil prices rose 9.3% to average \$62.6/bl throughout the month. On average, API 2 coal prices lifted 3.0% to average \$85.0/t, and EU ETS carbon prices grew 4.5% to average €7.6/t.

Due to being unable to source data of last month's tariff changes, we were unable to update this segment of the hedging strategy. As this month's data becomes available this section will be updated, with a view to completion towards the end of the month (December).

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.

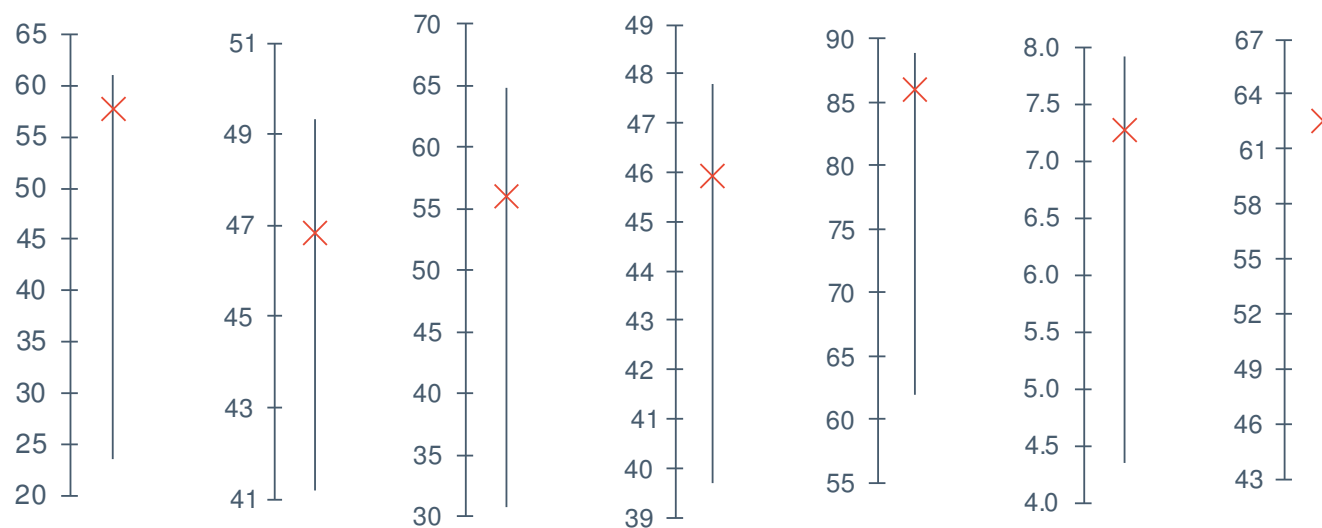




Wholesale price snapshot

		Gas (p/th)		Electricity (£/MWh)		Coal	Carbon	Brent crude
		Day-ahead	Year-ahead	Day-ahead	Year-ahead	(\$/t)	(€/t)	(\$/bl)
This week	8 Dec 17	57.75	46.84	56.00	45.93	86.00	7.27	62.49
Last week	1 Dec 17	57.00	48.26	53.60	47.00	85.00	7.57	63.13
Four weeks ago	10 Nov 17	52.75	48.28	52.00	47.05	88.90	7.39	64.06
Last year	9 Dec 16	44.00	42.71	47.25	39.70	63.00	4.54	54.22
Year-on-year %change		31.3%	9.7%	18.5%	15.7%	36.5%	60.1%	15.3%
Year high		61.00	49.33	64.75	47.80	88.90	7.91	64.12
Year low		23.50	41.17	30.75	39.70	61.90	4.34	45.15

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

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