

## **Weekly Market Price Insights**

Week Ending: 24 March 2023

#### **UK Baseload Electricity Prices**

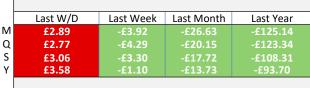
Mth Ahead Qtr Ahead Season Ahead Year Ahead

| Today   | Last W/D | Last Week | Last Month | Last Year |
|---------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| £113.25 | £110.36  | £117.17   | £139.88    | £238.39   |
| £115.86 | £113.09  | £120.15   | £136.01    | £239.20   |
| £120.69 | £117.63  | £123.98   | £138.41    | £229.00   |
| £135.82 | £132.24  | £136.92   | £149.55    | £229.52   |

# Electricity

#### **Electricity Year Ahead Pricing Information**





Electricity Cost Movement (£/MWh)

Oct 21 Nov 21 Dec 21 Jan 22 Feb 22 Mar 22 Apr 22 May 22 Jun 22 Jul 22 Aug 22 Sep 22 Oct 22 Nov 22 Dec 22 Jan 23 Feb 23 Mar 23

ELEC £/MWh

At the start of the week, a positive gas supply outlook and weather fundamentals contributed to stable electricity prices, with LNG offsetting many downfalls. Short-term contracts benefited from significantly higher-than-average wind generation and temperatures, with long-term contract uncertainty due to planned maintenance that will affect exports to the UK. Mid-week, French strikes increased month-ahead contracts with production disruption, but short-term contracts tracked the NBP's downward movements. April renewals applied pressure towards the end of the week, causing upwards movement in the market, but gas supplies continued to offset the bullish signals Forecasts for next week's weather fundamentals added upward movement for short-term contracts but closed with a downward trend.

|   |          | I a a duci a i du . D a a I | NA (0/)      |           |
|---|----------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|
|   | E        | lectricity Real             | Movement (%) |           |
|   |          |                             |              |           |
|   | Last W/D | Last Week                   | Last Month   | Last Year |
| Μ | 2.6%     | -3.3%                       | -19.0%       | -52.5%    |
| Q | 2.4%     | -3.6%                       | -14.8%       | -51.6%    |
| S | 2.6%     | -2.7%                       | -12.8%       | -47.3%    |
| Υ | 2.7%     | -0.8%                       | -9.2%        | -40.8%    |
|   |          | •                           |              |           |

#### **UK NBP Gas Prices**

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| Today   | Last W/D | Last Week | Last Month | Last Year |
|---------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 107.50p | 101.75p  | 109.95p   | 129.04p    | 253.15p   |
| 109.32p | 104.14p  | 111.98p   | 129.14p    | 257.37p   |
| 111.09p | 106.56p  | 113.83p   | 130.31p    | 260.19p   |
| 123.47p | 119.07p  | 125.24p   | 141.84p    | 258.34p   |



### **Gas Year Ahead Pricing Information**



|   | G        | Gas Cost Movement (p/therm) |            |           |
|---|----------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|
|   |          |                             |            |           |
|   | Last W/D | Last Week                   | Last Month | Last Year |
| Μ | 5.74p    | -2.46p                      | -21.54p    | -145.65p  |
| Q | 5.18p    | -2.66p                      | -19.82p    | -148.05p  |
| S | 4.53p    | -2.74p                      | -19.22p    | -149.10p  |
| Υ | 4.40p    | -1.76p                      | -18.37p    | -134.87p  |
|   |          |                             |            |           |

The NBP gas market opened with healthy supplies, including LNG deliveries and Norwegian flows, and reduced demand with forecasted weather fundamentals, despite French disruptions to production. UK exports will be down over the short-term following maintenance, but demand remained low with strong weather fundamentals. Throughout the week, supply levels remained strong to apply bearish pressure in the market, but long-term contracts for a winter-25 traded higher. Towards the end of the week, 35 LNG deliveries total are expected for Mar-23, easing pressure across the curve, but changing weather fundamentals are likely to make a price correction. At the end of the week, French strikes looked likely to continue, causing further disruption to production and bolstering short-term prices.

|   |          | Gas Real Mo | vement (%) |           |
|---|----------|-------------|------------|-----------|
|   |          |             |            |           |
|   | Last W/D | Last Week   | Last Month | Last Year |
| М | 5.64%    | -2.23%      | -16.69%    | -57.54%   |
| Q | 4.98%    | -2.38%      | -15.35%    | -57.52%   |
| S | 4.25%    | -2.41%      | -14.75%    | -57.30%   |
| Υ | 3.70%    | -1.41%      | -12.95%    | -52.21%   |
| ı |          |             |            |           |

Brent oil opened the week with losses, with ongoing risks in the global banking sector raising the potential for a recession that would significantly reduce demand. Prices recovered some value amid a drop in the USD and reports that Russian production decreases, but remained offset with potential demand losses. At the end of the week, oil made a bearish movement over potential oversupply in the US, as they hold off on increasing reserves.

| Energy Co | mmodities                         |                                      |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|           |                                   |                                      |
| Coal \$/t | Oil \$/bbl                        |                                      |
| \$175.35  | \$24.99                           | Present                              |
| \$173.00  | \$72.97                           | Last Week                            |
| 1.36%     | -65.75%                           | Movement                             |
|           | Coal \$/t<br>\$175.35<br>\$173.00 | \$175.35 \$24.99<br>\$173.00 \$72.97 |

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