

Electricity and gas prices both dropped sharply during last week with electricity falling by 8.8% and gas falling by 13.5%. Milder weather and a weaker demand due to increased wind generation pushing gas prices lower throughout last week. A strong supply outlook also influenced the large drop in price with several LNG deliveries due to arrive in the UK within the next few weeks.

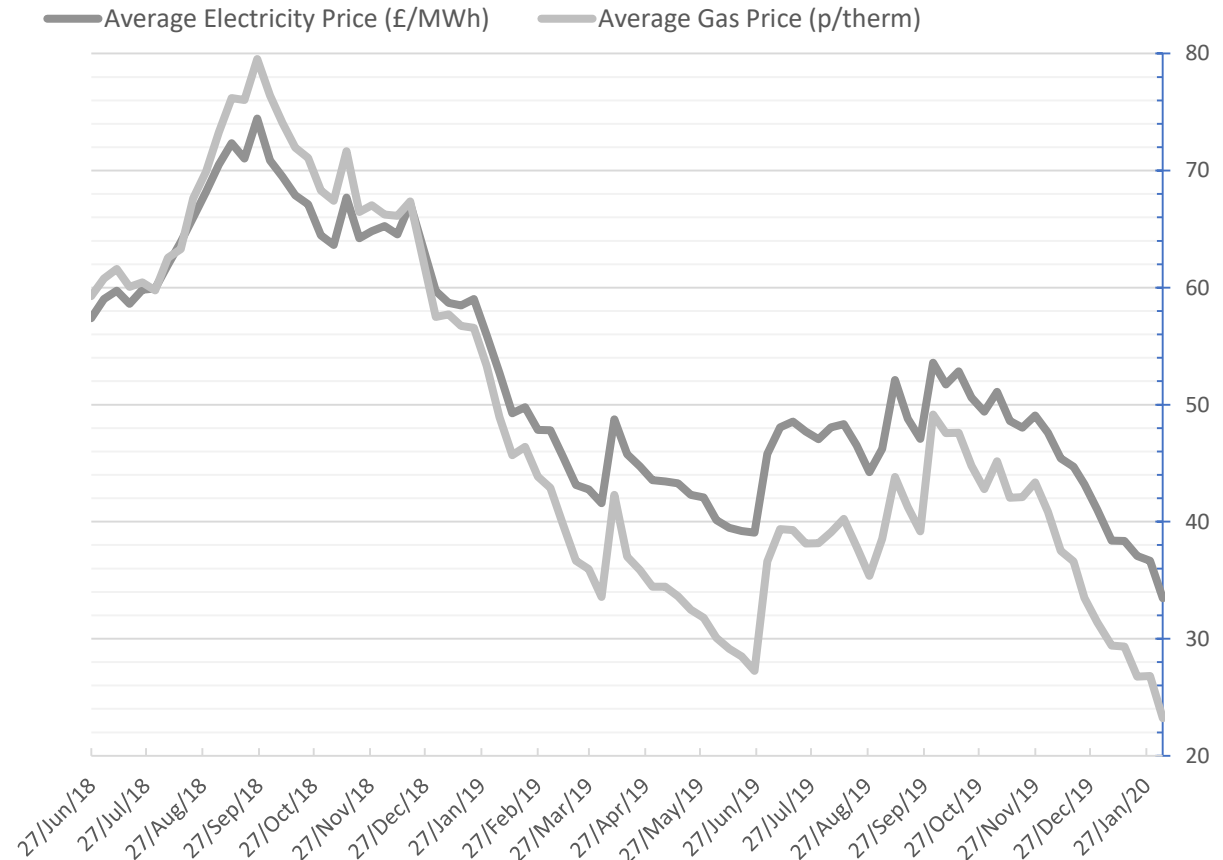
The milder weather forecast and strong supply outlook also influenced the drop in electricity prices. Weak trading within the carbon market also had an impact on electricity contracts.

The coronavirus outbreak caused the Brent crude oil price to plummet last week due to a large drop in demand as China shuts businesses down. Prices fell from 59.81 USD/bbl to 53.96 USD/bbl which is the lowest price since December 2018. On Tuesday prices started to rise slowly again to 54.45 USD/bbl as producers considered output cuts.

Coal prices continually fell last week from \$61.50/t to \$59.30/t before rising to \$59.95/t. Carbon prices followed a similar trend dropping from €24.69/t to €23.21/t and then rising to €23.28/t.

There is little difference in the Pound rates against the US dollar and Euro compared to last week despite rates initially rising sharply before dropping.

YEAR AHEAD PRICING (ENERGY ONLY)



Electricity (£/MWh)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
33.30	33.60	33.45



PRICE MOVEMENTS OVER PAST WEEK

Gas (p/Therm)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
22.93	23.50	23.21

