Weekly Energy Market Report 7th July 2021

Both gas and electricity prices continued to increase this week with gas increasing by 6.2% and electricity by 7.4% compared to last week. Multiple pipeline outages due to planned maintenance pushed gas prices higher as supply dropped. A reduction in the number of planned LNG deliveries also pushed prices higher as shipments are attracted away from Europe to Asia.

Electricity prices increased throughout the week as they followed the movement of the gas market as well as the strengthening coal and carbon markets. A drop in wind generation also pushed prices higher.

Brent crude oil prices increased from 75.13 USD/bbl to 77.16 USD/bbl before dropping to 72.99 USD/bbl this week. A drop in US oil inventories as well as improved US economic data initially pushed prices higher. Prices dropped as a planned OPEC meeting regarding increasing production was cancelled. The UAE rejecting an extension to production cuts also pushed prices lower.

Coal prices initially increased from \$86.00/t to \$88.35/t before falling back to \$86.50/t. Carbon prices increased from \in 55.40/t to a record high of \in 58.36/t before dropping to \notin 53.50/t.

The Pound strengthened against the Euro ($\in 1.1642$ to $\in 1.1677$) and weakened against the US Dollar (\$1.3835 to \$1.3798) this week.

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