

Weekly Energy Market Report
12th August 2020

Both gas and electricity prices rose again this week with gas increasing by 7% and electricity by 3.2%. An increase in demand throughout this week had a large impact on the gas prices increasing. Strong trading with the Carbon market and reduced wind generation also pushed prices higher. Prices dropped slightly towards the end of this week due to expected LNG deliveries from the US.

Similarly, electricity prices were pushed higher due to strong trading within the energy market, especially with gas and carbon. An increase in demand caused by an increase in temperatures also pushed prices higher.

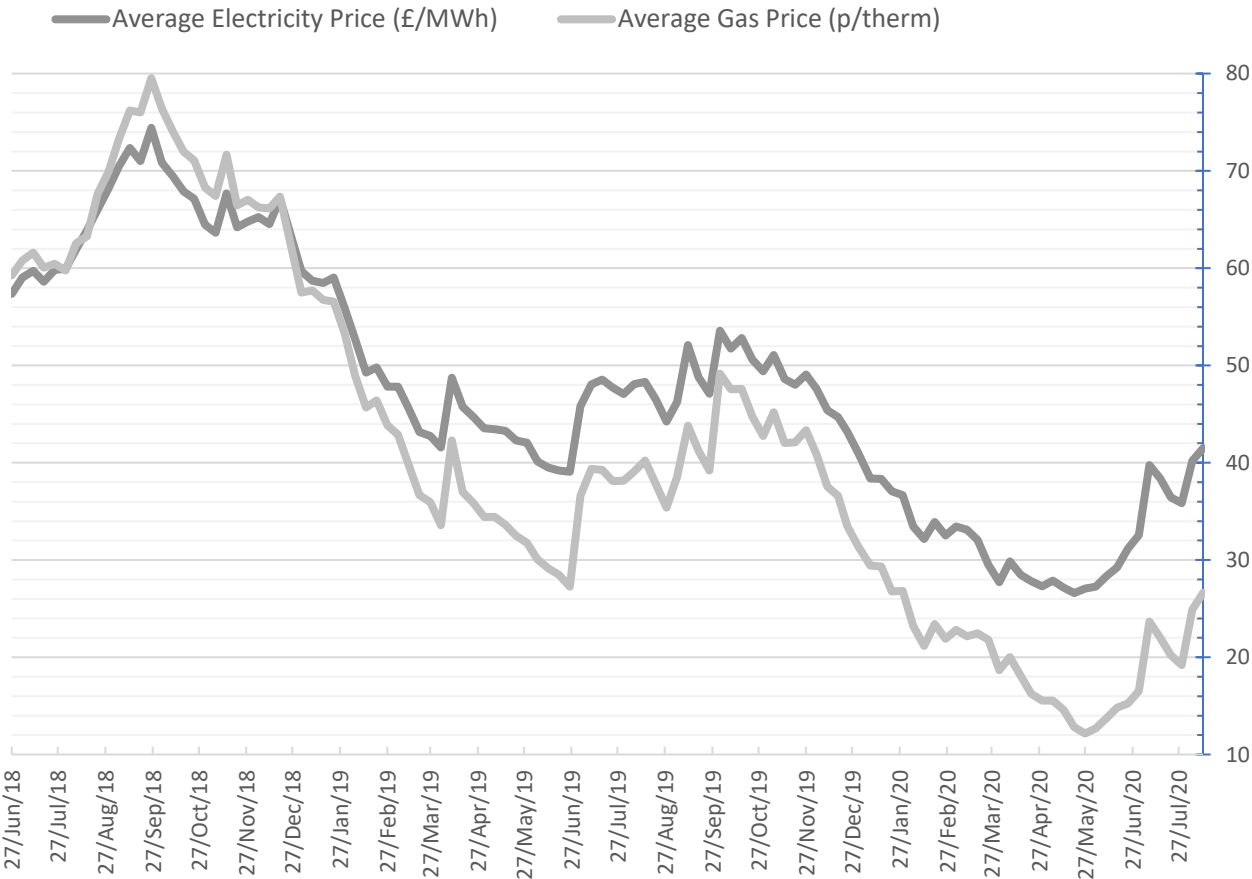
Brent oil prices fluctuated this week initially falling to 44.40 USD/bbl before rising to 44.99 USD/bbl and falling again to 44.50 USD/bbl. Growing concerns regarding the increase in Coronavirus cases globally as well as the US failing to agree a stimulus plan pushed prices lower. Meanwhile, increased energy demand in China and a drop in US inventories pushed prices higher.

Coal prices dropped throughout this week from \$60.00/t to \$58.05/t. Carbon prices increased initially from €26.38/t to €27.05/t before falling again to €26.80/t.

The Pound strengthened slightly against the Euro (€1.1066 to €1.1084) and weakened against the US Dollar (\$1.3109 to \$1.3036) this week.



YEAR AHEAD PRICING (ENERGY ONLY)



Electricity (£/MWh)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
38.59	44.40	41.49

Gas (p/Therm)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
22.79	30.51	26.65

