## Weekly Energy Market Report

14th October 2020

Following on from last week, gas prices continued to rise by 3% and electricity prices continued to fall by 0.6% this week. Gas prices were once again affected by the continuing Norwegian industrial action which is causing further supply disruption. Additional gas plants in Norway threatening to join the strike caused prices to increase further. Strong trading within the carbon market also had an impact on the price rise.

Electricity prices initially increased this week as lower temperatures and reduced wind generation was forecast. Prices soon dropped again as electricity contracts tracked the losses of the gas and wider energy market.

The price of Brent crude oil fell from 43.34 USD/bbl to 41.72 USD/bbl before rising again to 42.45 USD/bbl. This initial drop was caused by an increase in US oil inventories and the US delaying talks regarding a new stimulus plan. Prices increased as production in the Gulf of Mexico shutdown due to Hurricane Delta. Again Norwegian strike action also caused prices to rise.

Coal prices remained mostly table at \$59.80/t for most of the week before dropping to \$58.25/t later. Carbon prices rose from €26.94/t to €27.29/t before falling to €25.48/t.

The Pound strengthened against both the Euro (€1.0956 to €1.1032) and the US Dollar (\$1.2930 to \$1.2963) this week.



