

Weekly Energy Market Report

22nd March 2023

Both gas and electricity prices dropped this week with gas dropping by 7% and electricity by 8.3% compared to last weeks prices. Gas prices had initially increased earlier this week due to an increase in demand and reduced LNG deliveries. Prices dropped later in the week due to forecasts of milder temperatures and a reduction in demand. A resolution to French industrial action which had impacted LNG deliveries also pushed prices lower.

Electricity prices again followed the movements of the gas market as prices initially increased before dropping later in the week. The main UK-France interconnector returning online also pushed prices lower.

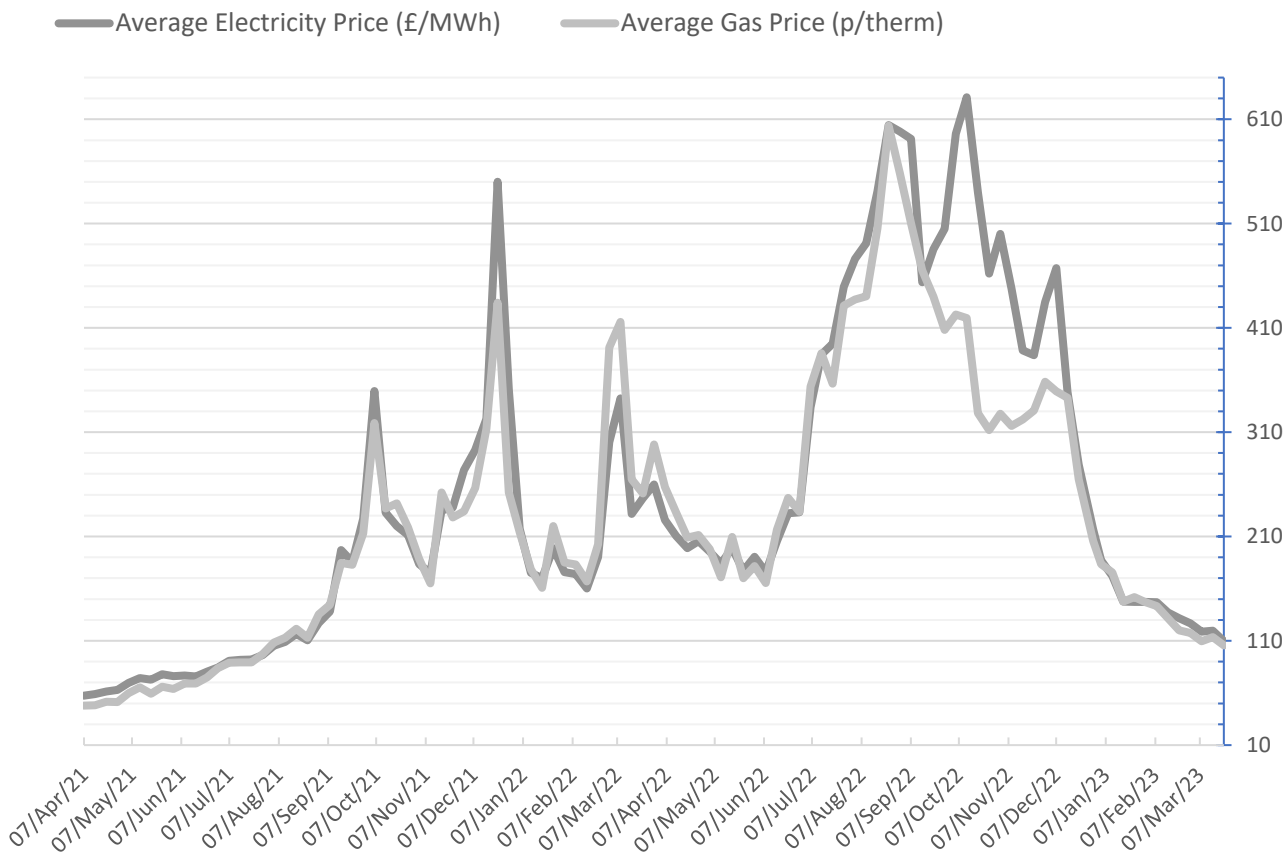
The price of Brent crude oil initially dropped from \$74.70/bbl to \$72.97/bbl before increasing to \$75.32/t later this week. Prices had initially decreased due to ongoing concern regarding the continuing international banking crisis. An increase in the interest rates in the US also pushed prices lower. Prices increased later in the week as fears regarding collapsing international banks eased and the US Dollar weakened.

Coal prices initially dropped this week from \$130.40/t to \$119.00/t before rising back to \$132.35/t. Carbon prices also dropped earlier in the week from €89.20/t to €85.83/t before rising back to €89.62/t later.

The Pound weakened slightly against the Euro (€1.1389 to €1.1369) and strengthened against the US Dollar (\$1.2096 to \$1.2253) this week.



YEAR AHEAD PRICING (ENERGY ONLY)



Electricity (£/MWh)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
107.44	111.80	109.62



Gas (p/Therm)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
105.02	105.89	105.45



PRICE MOVEMENTS OVER PAST WEEK