Weekly Energy Market Report 31st March 2021

Both gas and electricity prices increased this week with gas increasing by 3.9% and electricity by 1.4%. Gas prices were affected by the Suez Canal disruption this week as concerns surrounding the impact on LNG deliveries to the UK pushed prices higher. Forecasts of lower than anticipated temperatures in the coming weeks also increased prices. Strong trading within the carbon market also had an impact.

Electricity prices fluctuated this week strong wind generation initially pushing prices higher. Prices followed the changes in the carbon and gas markets as they ended higher than last week.

Brent crude oil prices initially fell from 64.41 USD/bbl to 61.95 USD/bbl before increasing to 64.14 USD/bbl. Continuing concerns around demand pushed prices lower as further lockdown restrictions were implemented across Europe. Delays caused by the Suez Canal disruption and a further OPEC meeting planned regarding production restrictions pushed prices higher again.

Coal prices dropped from \$72.60/t to \$71.70/t before increasing to \$72.95/t. Carbon prices. Carbon prices initially dropped from €41.60/t to €40.49/t before rising back to €41.99/t.

The Pound strengthened against both the Euro (€1.1586 to €1.1733) and the US Dollar (\$1.3709 to \$1.3762) this week.

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