

Weekly Energy Market Report

31st January 2024

Both gas and electricity prices increased this week with gas increasing by 8.7% and electricity by 5.2% compared to last week's prices. Gas prices increased throughout this week as the US Freeport LNG is expected to stop supplying the market until the end of February due to an electrical issue. The ongoing conflict in the Middle East as well as a decline in supplies from Norwegian pipelines also pushed prices higher.

Electricity prices again followed the movements of the gas market with additional increases caused by unplanned outages at Heysham and Hartlepool nuclear stations.

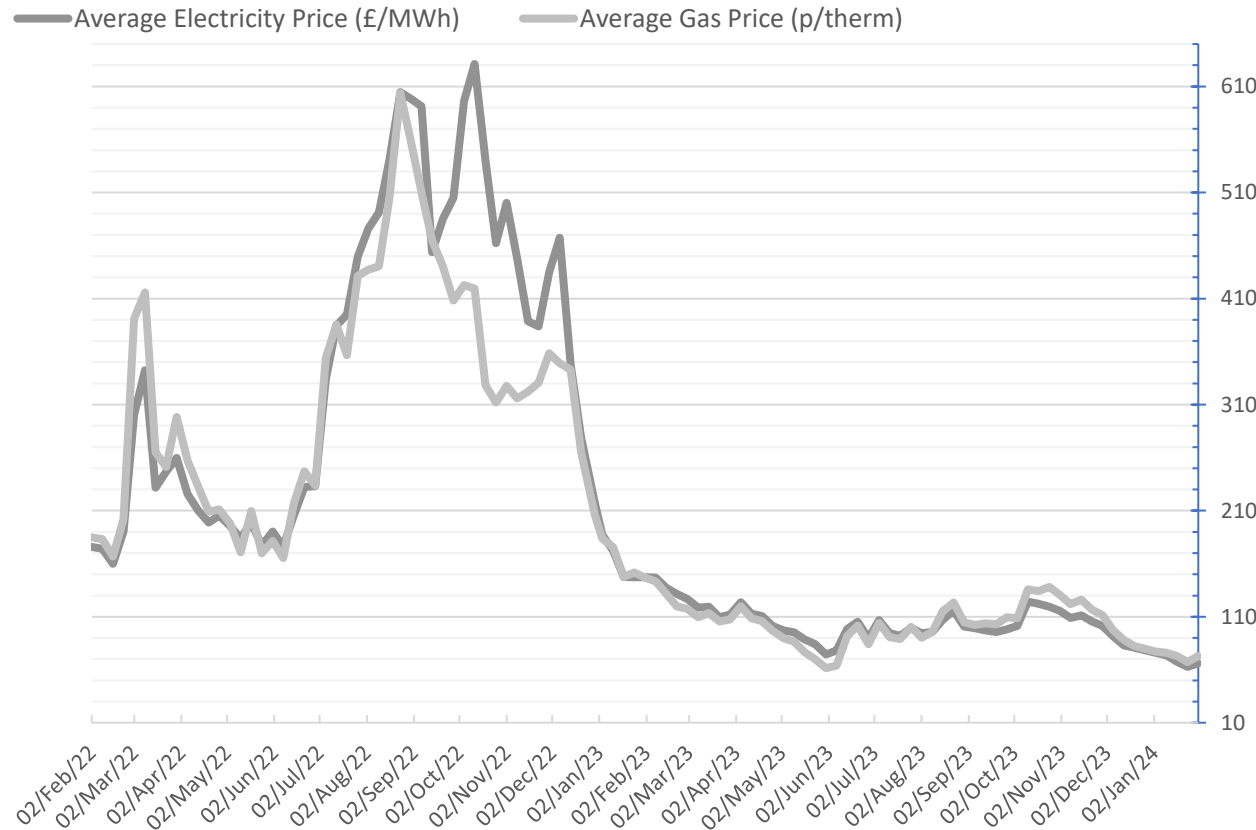
Brent crude oil prices initially increased this week from \$80.04/bbl to \$83.55/bbl before dropping to \$81.55/bbl. Prices initially increased due to positive global economic data leading to hopes of increased demand. A reduction in US inventories as well as China threatening their business relationship with Iran due to instability in the region also pushed prices higher. The liquidation of the Chinese firm Evergrande pushed prices lower later in the week.

Coal prices dropped throughout most of this week from \$105.80/t to \$94.30/t before increasing to \$96.15/t. Carbon prices also initially dropped from €65.82/t to €61.78/t before rising to €64.46/t this week.

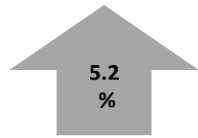
The Pound strengthened against the Euro (€1.1698 to €1.1709) and weakened against the US Dollar (\$1.2728 to \$1.2694) this week.



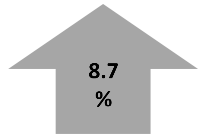
YEAR AHEAD PRICING (ENERGY ONLY)



Electricity (£/MWh)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
67.20	64.68	65.94



Gas (p/Therm)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
72.88	73.20	73.04



PRICE MOVEMENTS OVER PAST WEEK