

# Weekly Energy Market Report

28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Both gas and electricity prices increased this week with gas increasing by 1.7% and electricity by 3.2% compared to last week's prices. An increase in demand due to revised forecasts of colder temperatures as well as a drop in wind generation pushed gas prices higher this week. Attacks on UK cargo ships in the Red Sea also pushed prices higher.

Electricity prices moved upwards as the market followed the movements of the gas and carbon markets. A reduction in nuclear generation due to unplanned outages at Heysham and Hartlepool also pushed prices higher.

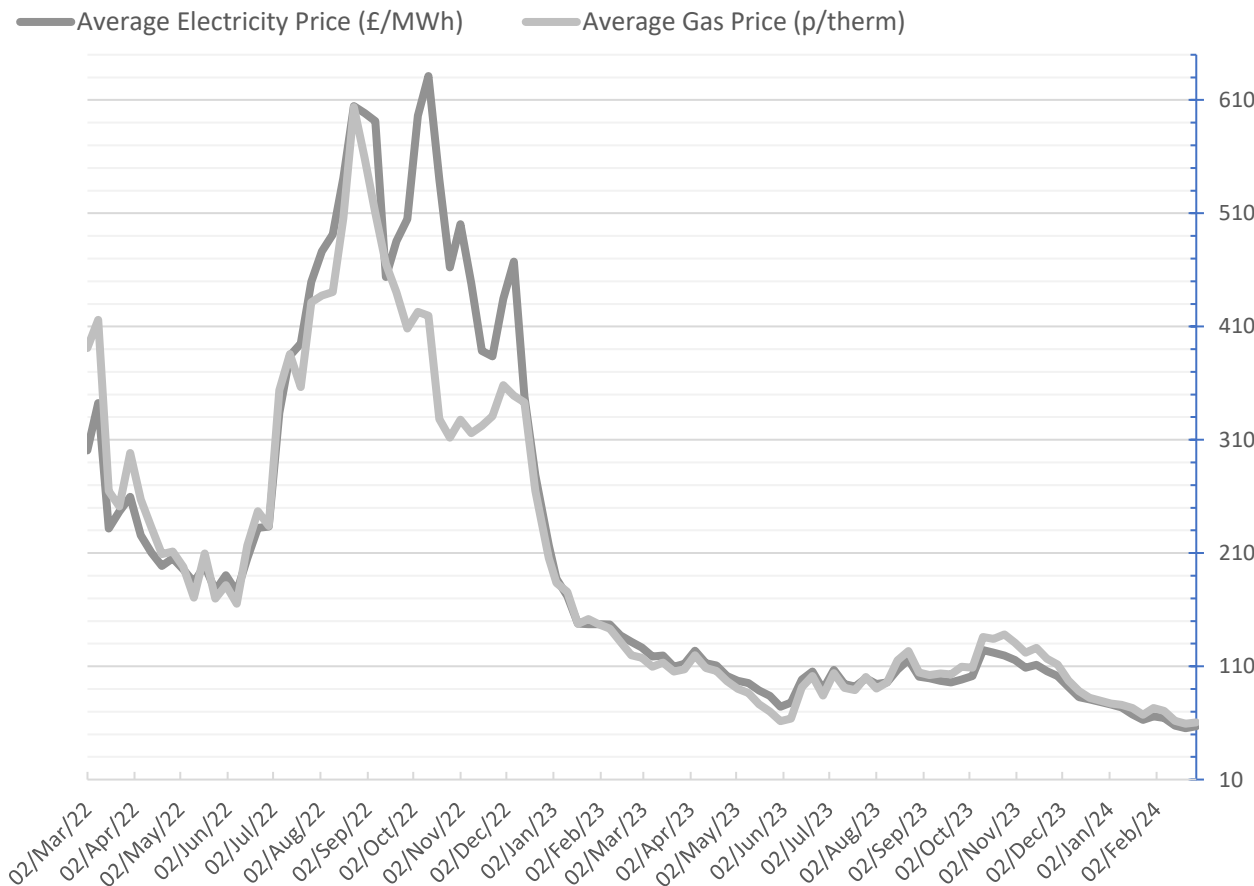
Brent crude oil prices initially dropped earlier this week from \$83.03/bbl to \$81.62/bbl before rising back to \$83.65/bbl. Concern regarding demand in the US due to reports of interest rates not being cut for several months pushed prices lower initially. Prices rallied later in the week due to supply concerns caused by the ongoing conflict in the Middle East as well as OPEC announcing they would extend ongoing production cuts.

Coal prices increased throughout this week from \$95.25/t to \$100.10/t. Carbon prices initially dropped from €54.55/t to €51.71/t before rising again to €56.96/t later in the week.

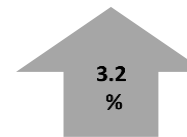
The Pound strengthened against both the Euro (€1.1677 to €1.1696) and the US Dollar (\$1.2622 to \$1.2688) this week.



## YEAR AHEAD PRICING (ENERGY ONLY)



Electricity (£/MWh)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
58.17	56.21	57.19



PRICE MOVEMENTS OVER PAST WEEK

Gas (p/Therm)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
60.50	60.40	60.45

