Weekly Energy Market Report 7th August 2024

Both gas and electricity prices continued to increase this week with gas increasing by 5.3% and electricity by 7.6% compared to last week's prices. Gas prices increased as the number of LNG deliveries to the UK dropped due to a larger number of deliveries heading to Asia where demand has increased due to ongoing heatwaves. Unplanned outages at Norwegian gas fields also pushed prices higher.

Electricity prices followed the movements of the gas market as prices increased. Higher wind output limited any further price increases.

Brent crude oil prices initially increased from \$78.63/bbl to \$80.72/bbl before dropping throughout the rest of the week to \$76.48/bbl. The initial increase in price was caused by the ongoing tensions in the Middle East. Prices dropped soon after due to data showing an expected weaker demand from both the US and China. OPEC members announcing they are due to ease their current supply cuts also pushed prices lower.

Coal prices increased throughout this week from \$116.85/t to \$120.80/t. Carbon prices initially increased from $\notin 69.21/t$ to $\notin 71.18/t$ earlier in the week before dropping back to $\notin 69.96/t$.

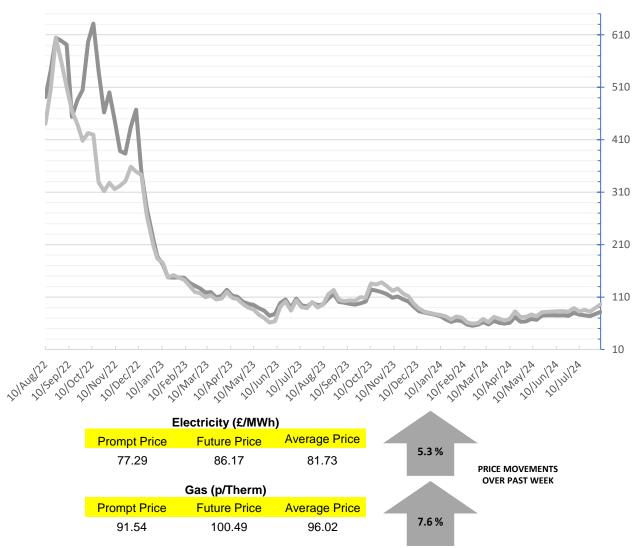
The Pound weakened against both the Euro ($\in 1.1859$ to $\in 1.1622$) and the US Dollar (\$1.2843 to \$1.2693) this week.

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YEAR AHEAD PRICING (ENERGY ONLY)

Average Electricity Price (£/MWh)

Average Gas Price (p/therm)



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