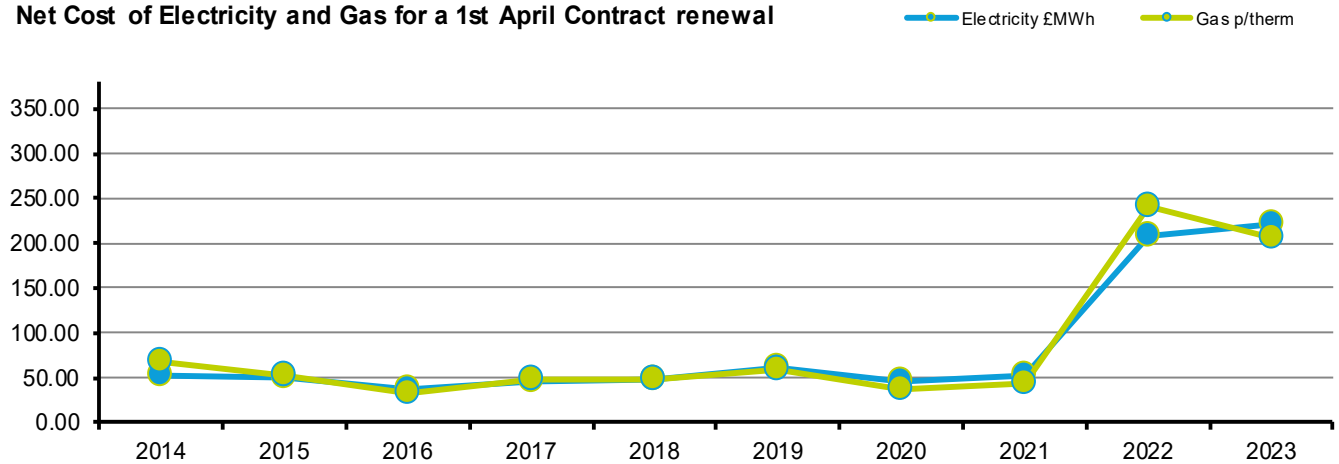


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Net Cost of Electricity and Gas for a 1st April Contract renewal



Electricity: base load cost - excludes distribution, taxation and supplier margin and costs

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
49.25	36.71	46.53	47.78	60.38	45.78	52.58	208.63	221.52	86.73

Gas: core gas cost - excludes distribution, taxation and supplier margin and costs

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
52.34	32.72	47.47	48.49	58.92	37.39	43.79	240.56	206.52	89.05

Week commencing 1st January 2024

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$77.31	84.60	£84.37	\$136.90
End	\$76.59	89.79	£86.41	\$130.25

A combination of high winds and the expectation of several LNG cargoes arriving in the UK kept supplies healthy and demand for gas-fired generation low. The lack of trading over the Christmas period also provided some bearish sentiment to the market. Prices did rebound mid week, further pressing recent volatility. In the short curve, the expected cold snap increased demand expectations which were further exacerbated by a downwards revision of Wind generation.

Week commencing 25th December 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$76.85	87.55	£81.38	\$115.00
End	\$77.31	84.60	£84.37	\$136.90

Generally other than a few spot contracts, UK Gas prices tumbled over the festive period. Strong winds anticipated across the continent, especially France and Spain and a period of mild upcoming temperatures fed into this, whilst ample supply and robust storage also dampened any upside. A number of traders had noted that some of the negative sentiment could also have been attributed to low demand due to the holiday period and as some shippers resumed activity in the Red Sea, such as A.P Moller-Maersk scheduling ships through the Suez Canal. Power prices were mixed with some increases on the spot, which could be attributed to outages on some of the UK nuclear fleet, but through the curve largely down.

Week commencing 11th December 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$75.94	100.17	£90.25	\$120.25
End	\$76.85	87.55	£81.38	\$115.00

Prices continued to fall as mild weather and upcoming lower festive demand placed strain on the market. Weather forecasts throughout January are still uncertain and this did add volatility to the market. As the week continued revisions to Wind generation in the prompt dragged the curve downwards. The UK was expected to receive eight LNG cargoes by the 17th of December which limited any supply concerns.

Week commencing 4th December 2023

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$81.80	111.38	£99.70	\$119.50
End	\$75.94	100.17	£90.25	\$120.25

The week started on a bearish note with high levels of LNG, an increase in wind output, healthy gas flows from Norway and a warmer weather outlook all helping gas prices to fall. These fundamental drivers regained control of markets once more. Despite the outlook remaining bearish, some of these losses were regained at the back end of the week as prices began to climb. Wind generation was revised closer to seasonal normal, which may have accounted for these gains.