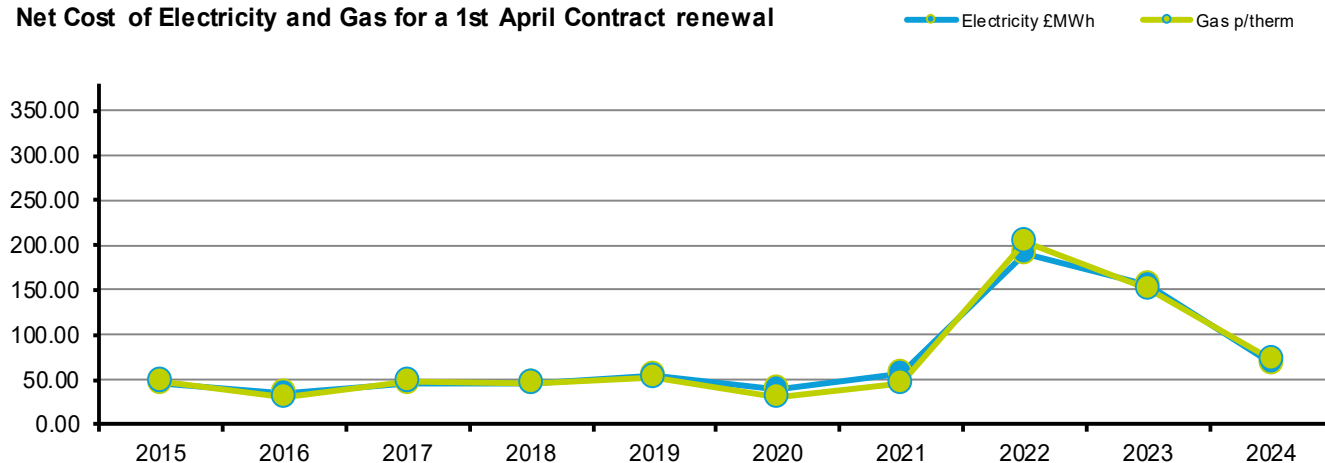


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Net Cost of Electricity and Gas for a 1st April Contract renewal



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

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
45.08	34.98	46.84	45.86	54.72	38.35	56.94	190.97	154.94	68.07

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

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
48.05	30.69	47.92	45.60	52.08	29.80	46.93	203.32	150.31	73.01

Week commencing 12th February 2024

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$81.66	71.65	£66.97	\$96.25
End	\$82.76	67.50	£63.16	\$93.10

The downturn in prices persisted due to the temperature being adjusted upwards to 1-3C above seasonal norms, as well as an increase in wind power production. This corresponded with a robust supply framework in Europe. Middle of the week did witness an increase in gas prices due to unexpected shutdowns in Norway and high demand from Asia for LNG. Nevertheless, the surge was kept in check due to a historically high gas storage in Europe for this period of the year, resulting from the comparatively mild weather in February

Week commencing 5th February 2024

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$77.33	79.38	£74.10	\$98.15
End	\$81.66	71.65	£66.97	\$96.25

Gas prices rallied on opening of the week at the news of Norway's Troll and Nyhamma gas fields unplanned outages, although prices did sharply retreat shortly after as weather fundamentals weighed on the commodity. The upwards revision of temperature forecasts and the resultant reduced heating demand countered the unplanned outages in Norway, and Europe gas inventories remained higher than average for this time of year. This, along with the resumption of supplies from the Norwegian Continental Shelf (NCS) at the week's close, only further eased the prices.

Week commencing 29th January 2024

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$81.93	74.83	£69.71	\$94.85
End	\$77.33	79.38	£74.10	\$98.15

At the beginning of the week, prices increased due to maintenance work at the US Freeport LNG, triggered by an electrical problem. This led to fluctuating market conditions throughout the week as it was reported that supply wouldn't be restored until the end of February. However, the early gains were largely overturned due to revised weather forecasts indicating above seasonal levels until February 11th, coupled with higher than normal wind power. The week concluded with a bearish trend due to mild and windy weather conditions, which lessened the demand for gas-fired power.

Week commencing 22nd January 2024

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)
Start	\$79.00	75.53	£71.31	\$98.50
End	\$81.93	74.83	£69.71	\$94.85

Both Gas and Power prices fell sharply over the weekend to start the week bearish, Storm Isha brought unseasonably warm weather and boosted wind power generation adding to the already bearish market conditions of strong LNG and pipeline gas flows to Europe. Mid week saw some volatility, the delays in some shipments to Europe due to the crisis in the Red Sea continued. Gas prices strengthened across all contracts at the conclusion of the week, US Freeport LNG was undergoing maintenance, due to an electrical issue and is not due to supply the market until late February.

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