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ENERGY MARKET WATCH

Market analysis

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Commentary

Energy markets remained relatively stable, with more gradual shifts, rather than sharp spikes. This differed significantly from June's volatility, driven by uncertainty surrounding the Middle East conflict, which caused market fluctuations in both directions. July's stability could be largely attributed to balanced fundamentals, with some increases being linked to heatwaves, Norwegian supply disruptions, and shifts in geopolitical policies.

Key drivers

European temperatures- Numerous countries across North Western Europe experienced significant temperature shifts that deviated notably from the seasonal average. The UK, France, Norway, the Netherlands and Germany were particularly affected. Low water levels in Germany's Rhine river during early July restricted shipping activities, reducing many shipment capacities to less than 50%. In the UK, temperatures peaked at around 6° above the norm, driving up cooling demand in the first half of the month, before cooling in the latter half.

Norwegian flows and outages – Norwegian gas exports (nominations) experienced turbulence throughout July due to warm weather and multiple facility outages. Gas flows fluctuated from around 250mcm/d to 330mcm/d, with major disruptions at key facilities such as Kollsnes, Troll, and Nyhamna. These outages added bullish pressure to gas markets across Europe.

US tariffs and oil – The 90-day tariff break previously introduced by the United States came to an end during July, leading markets to anticipate more bearish price trends (the last time sweeping tariffs were introduced, we saw a large downturn on weaker Global demand expectations). The US quickly implemented new tariffs on various areas, including the EU and Asia. In relation to oil, price hikes across the OPEC+ group were firmed, with August to see an additional 411kbpd enter the market, introducing bearish pressure onto linked commodity markets.

Gas prices rose by:

5.79%

Power prices rose by:

8.09%



Markets stabilised, with volatility easing as significant price spikes were mitigated by less impactful supply and demandside shocks. Most price movements were gradual, rather than immediate."

Commodity overview

*Note that the profiled rate differs to the wholesale market rate, taking into account estimated consumption of Zenergi customers.

| Commodity | Unit | Price - 01/07/25 | Price - 31/07/25 | % Change |
|----------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| Gas (12-Month profiled*) | p/therm | 88.04 | 93.14 | +5.79% |
| Power (12-Month profiled*) | £/MWh | 76.59 | 82.64 | +7.90% |
| Brent Oil | \$/bbl | 67.61 | 73.24 | +8.33% |
| Coal | \$/tonne | 111.90 | 112.33 | +0.38% |
| Carbon | £/tonne | 46.08 | 51.56 | +11.89% |

Wholesale market graphs



Graph 1 - Wholesale electricity cost (based on 12-month profiled data)



Graph 2 - Wholesale gas cost (based on 12-month profiled data)



Recommendation

Given that we are seeing more market stability now when compared to the rest of the year, we strongly advise our customers to enter into longer term contracting in order to benefit from backwardation in the market, as most forward periods are now rated to be at 'fair' or 'favourable' levels. On a wholesale basis, August typically sees rises (70% of the time for gas and power – 12-month profiled data) but on the flip side, we have seen potential entry points in September and October, therefore having contracts in place will enable us to purchase during these market dips.

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