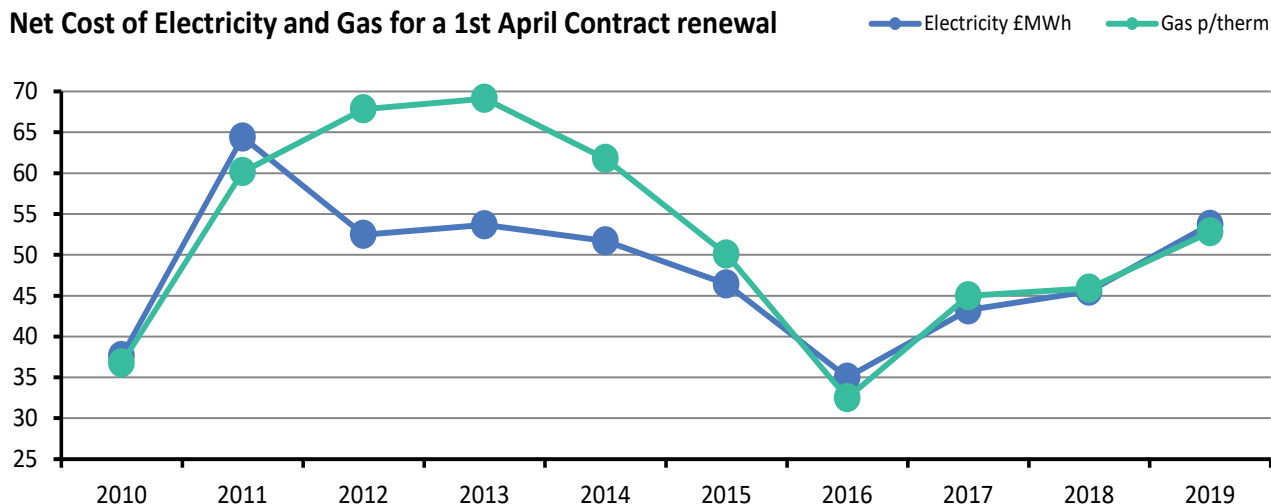


## Net Cost of Electricity and Gas for a 1st April Contract renewal



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

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
37.63	64.40	52.48	53.66	51.70	46.43	35.00	43.25	45.53	53.70

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

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
36.75	60.17	67.85	69.14	61.76	50.07	32.48	44.98	45.90	52.80

### Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
<b>Start</b>	\$65.03	51.25	£53.45	\$74.25	-7.2
<b>End</b>	\$64.61	49.66	£52.97	\$70.35	-7.7

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### Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
<b>Start</b>	\$67.21	49.79	£52.03	\$71.55	-8.0
<b>End</b>	\$65.03	51.25	£53.45	\$74.25	-7.2

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### Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
<b>Start</b>	\$65.76	51.42	£53.50	\$71.00	-6.9
<b>End</b>	\$67.21	49.79	£52.03	\$71.55	-8.0

Prompt and near-curve contracts saw yet another bearish week, pressured by above seasonal normal temperatures and a resilient system despite a series of unplanned outages across north sea assets. The Mar'19 contract fell 3.00p/th, to 44.70p/th, with the majority of losses occurring late in the week as risk premium which had been priced in due to outages evaporated. Additional pressure on the curve likely stemmed from a sharp rise in the value of the pound against the euro, which jumped almost 1% last week, however losses were limited somewhat amid a stronger oil market.

### Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

	Oil (bbl)	Gas (ppt)	Power (MWh)	Coal (MT)	Market Index
<b>Start</b>	\$61.77	51.07	£54.14	\$70.25	-7.5
<b>End</b>	\$65.76	51.42	£53.50	\$71.00	-6.9

Prompt and nearer dated NBP contracts continued down last week, primarily pressured by weather forecast revisions which showed warmer than seasonal normal temperatures and were a stark difference to forecasts seen the previous week. Additional bearish pressure has been given by strong LNG supply, which has persisted throughout winter and allowed storage levels to remain high, whilst North Sea infrastructure has also been reliable. Further dated contracts shook off bearish prompt sentiment and followed up with a stronger oil market, whilst additional support came from a weaker pound against the euro. Power prices were pressured by a weaker NBP gas market and continued strong wind generation. Curve contracts also saw steep losses, primarily weighed down by a sharp fall in European carbon, widening the gap further to Winter'19 amid significant oversupply in the NBP gas market expected.