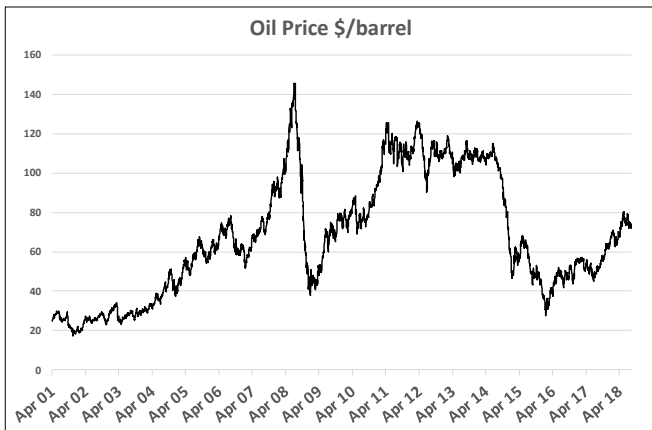


Energy Market Snapshot

10th August 2018

Oil:



Brent gained value on Monday closing the session \$1.5/barrel higher day on day. The gains came following news that exports from Saudi Arabia fell by around 200,000 barrels/ day during July.

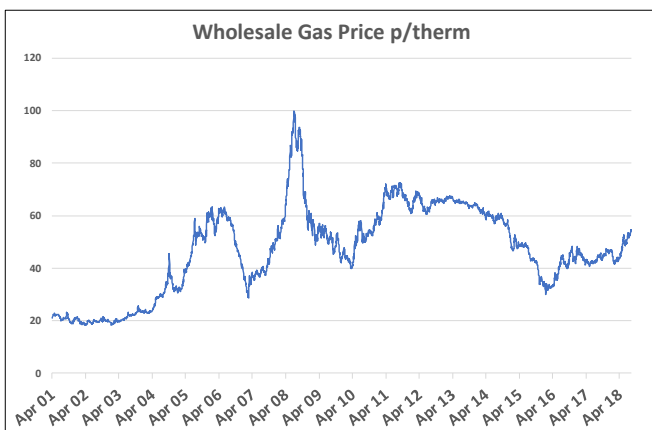
Renewed focus on US sanctions against Iran also pushed prices higher on Tuesday. Contracts were also supported as Sterling fell amid hard Brexit fears.

The week's losses were reversed on Wednesday as contracts were undermined by the weekly EIA report. This showed a reduction in stocks of 1.3 million barrels, but as the decline was less than expected prices softened.

Brent rebounded on Thursday as the impact of US sanctions against Iran took the headlines.

Despite the gains seen early in the week, Brent closed last night at \$72.24/barrel, down 29 cents compared to last Friday.

Gas:



The system being well-supplied on Monday led to prompt prices softening, although all near-term and curve contracts rose in line with stronger Oil and Coal.

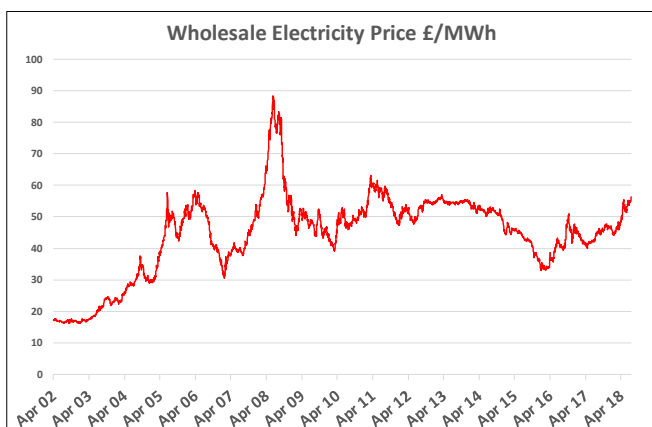
It was a similar story on Tuesday with all curve contracts gaining value. Summer 19 gained just around 0.6p/therm day on day.

A weaker Pound relative to the Euro supported prices throughout Wednesday, however a slump in Oil prices late in the afternoon led to some softening on the NBP. Despite this, all contracts still closed higher.

The bulls remained in charge on Thursday and once again all contracts posted gains. Prices have taken direction from the wider fuel complex as the system remained well-supplied.

Last night, all contracts closed higher than last Friday, Winter 19 gained 1.4p/therm.

Electricity:



As demand forecasts were revised lower and Wind generation forecast higher for the rest of the week, prompt prices eased on Monday. The curve however, took its direction from the NBP and all contracts gained value.

Tuesday was no different to Monday, prompt prices eased whilst curve contracts rose. The picture was more mixed on Wednesday.

Prices edged higher once again on Thursday in line with Coal and Gas prices.

Last night, all curve contracts closed higher than last Friday. Winter 18 gained £1.15/MWh.