

Energy Market Update

24th February 2026



Wholesale Market Prices and Trends

Wholesale Gas Element (p/kWh)	Indicative Price	3-Month Variance	6-Month Variance	12 Month Variance
Apr-26 12m	2.64	↑ 14.1%	↓ -6.7%	↓ -10.8%
Apr-26 24m	2.43	↑ 7.5%	↓ -10.8%	↓ -11.4%
Apr-26 36m	2.28	↑ 3.1%	↓ -13.3%	↓ -13.4%
Oct-26 12m	2.41	↑ 8.0%	↓ -11.3%	↓ -11.3%
Oct-26 24m	2.25	↑ 2.4%	↓ -14.2%	↓ -13.3%

Wholesale Power Element (p/kWh)	Indicative Price	3-Month Variance	6-Month Variance	12 Month Variance
Apr-26 12m	7.23	↓ -1.1%	↓ -8.2%	↓ -4.5%
Apr-26 24m	6.90	↓ -4.4%	↓ -10.2%	↓ -4.7%
Apr-26 36m	6.66	↓ -6.7%	↓ -11.8%	↓ -6.5%
Oct-26 12m	6.88	↓ -3.3%	↓ -10.2%	↓ -4.2%
Oct-26 24m	6.62	↓ -6.8%	↓ -11.9%	↓ -5.9%

Wider Energy Complex	Indicative Price	3-Month Variance	6-Month Variance	12 Month Variance
Brent (\$/bbl.)	71.76	↑ 14.7%	↑ 4.5%	↓ -3.2%
Coal (\$/t)	112.75	↑ 16.5%	↑ 11.6%	↓ -3.3%
UK Carbon (£/t)	47.62	↓ -21.2%	↑ 3.8%	↑ 28.2%
EU Carbon (€/t)	64.49	↓ -11.1%	↑ 2.2%	↑ 14.4%
€/£	0.874	↑ 1.8%	↓ -0.8%	↑ 3.7%

UK NBP Gas

Wholesale Market Drivers

Bearish (Falling)

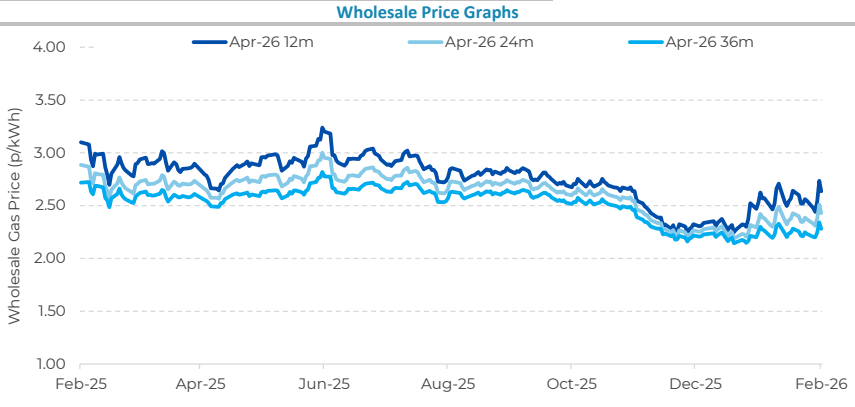
Spain's Naturgy is considering signing up for 2 bcm of LNG deals as it weighs the EU's Russian gas ban and looming contract expirations. As the only Spanish company with an LNG contract with Russia, Naturgy is prioritizing security of supply and flexibility.

'US LNG export facilities are exporting record amounts of LNG, consuming more natural gas than both US commercial businesses and households combined last year. Between Jan-Nov-25, LNG exporters consumed a record 141.6 bcm of natural gas.

Bullish (Rising)

On Wednesday, the second day of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine taking place in Geneva ended after only two hours, with Zelenskiy describing them as "difficult" and accusing Russia of deliberately hampering progress.

The US President warned that he would strike if Tehran fails to reach a meaningful agreement and has now set a 15-day deadline for Iran's nuclear deal which raised some geopolitical risk around the situation.



UK Baseload Power

Market Drivers

Bearish (Falling)

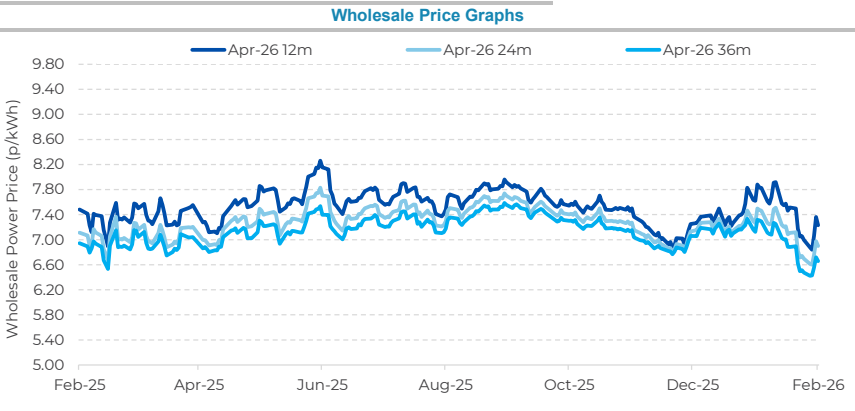
France plans to lift decarbonised power output 20% by 2030, prioritising nuclear and renewables, while pushing electrification. This could ease long-term power tightness and weigh on French baseload and EUAs.

EU carbon markets have declined sharply due to the potential for EU ETS political intervention. Recent actions by Italy to cut carbon costs for generators may set precedent for wider intervention.

Bullish (Rising)

In a Supreme Court ruling, Trump has had the legality of his tariffs partially overruled which could see some tariffs lifted. Some are likely to remain, having used different mechanisms that haven't been overruled, but this is generally positive for macroeconomics globally.

EDF reported a 19% fall in core profit as low wholesale power prices persist amid rising renewables and weak industrial demand, reinforcing a bearish backdrop for European baseload demand, but also posing long-term risks to French power output.



Energy Market News: Iran offers economic incentives ahead of United States nuclear talks in Geneva. Iran said it is seeking an agreement that delivers clear economic gains for both sides, placing joint oil and gas projects, mining investment and aircraft purchases on the table ahead of Tuesday's meeting. Hamid Ghanbari said a durable deal would need the US participation in sectors with quick returns, reflecting Tehran's view that the 2015 pact lacked meaningful American economic buy-in. Iran also signalled it could dilute its most highly enriched uranium in exchange for sanctions relief, while ruling out any "zero enrichment" outcome. Washington has reiterated a preference for diplomacy, but has also increased pressure by deploying a second aircraft carrier and preparing military contingencies if negotiations fail. For energy markets, any credible path towards easing sanctions could lift expectations of additional Iranian crude and reshape flows to China, while a breakdown would keep a risk premium embedded in prices.



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Market Prices and Trends

Gas (p/therm)	Close	Indicative Price*	Change Today	Change Yesterday	3-Month Variance
Day-Ahead	81.50	79.00	-3.1%	0.8%	2%
Mar-26	82.07	79.06	-3.7%	-5.4%	-2%
Apr-26	80.77	78.19	-3.2%	-4.7%	5%
May-26	79.36	77.23	-2.7%	-4.1%	7%
Jun-26	77.92	75.83	-2.7%	-4.1%	6%
Q2-26	79.35	77.14	-2.8%	-3.1%	2%
Q3-26	76.97	75.33	-2.1%	-4.0%	4%
Summer-26	78.15	76.23	-2.5%	-4.1%	5%
Winter-26	82.19	80.88	-1.6%	-3.2%	2%
Summer-27	64.45	64.10	-0.5%	-4.1%	-5%
Winter-27	69.57	69.00	-0.8%	-1.6%	-8%
Summer-28	54.61	55.00	0.7%	-0.8%	-11%
Winter-28	62.72	63.49	1.2%	-0.7%	-12%

Baseload (£/MWh)	Close	Indicative Price*	Change Today	Change Yesterday	3-Month Variance
Day-Ahead	75.50	71.00	-6.0%	-11.3%	-27%
Mar-26	76.31	75.15	-1.5%	-2.9%	-2%
Apr-26	72.49	72.15	-0.5%	-2.6%	-5%
May-26	70.40	69.90	-0.7%	-2.3%	-2%
Jun-26	69.50	69.50	0.0%	-2.4%	-1%
Q2-26	70.79	70.20	-0.8%	-1.2%	-3%
Q3-26	71.04	71.20	0.2%	-2.5%	1%
Summer-26	70.92	70.50	-0.6%	-2.5%	-1%
Winter-26	76.34	76.25	-0.1%	-1.2%	-3%
Summer-27	62.42	63.00	0.9%	-0.5%	-3%
Winter-27	69.36	69.75	0.6%	-0.2%	-7%
Summer-28	58.44	58.44	0.0%	-0.8%	-8%
Winter-28	65.62	66.25	1.0%	0.0%	-10%

Wider Energy Complex	Close	Current Offer	Change Today	Change Yesterday	3-Month Variance
Brent (\$/bbl)	71.76	71.48	-0.4%	0.1%	14.7%
Coal (\$/t)	113.91	113.50	-0.4%	0.0%	16.5%
UKA Dec-26 (£/t)	47.62	46.43	-2.5%	3.4%	-21.2%
UKA Dec-27 (£/t)	49.52	48.60	-1.9%	3.1%	-17.0%
EUA Dec-26 (£/t)	73.78	72.34	-2.0%	3.4%	-11.1%
EUA Dec-27 (£/t)	75.82	74.36	-1.9%	3.4%	-11.2%
€/£	0.874	0.87	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.1%
€/€	1.178	1.180	0.2%	0.1%	1.6%

Current Market Drivers

- Day ahead energy contracts are bearish this morning amid warmer temperatures into tomorrow despite a drop in UK wind generation and continued nuclear constraints due to outages.
- Near-curve and closer-dated seasonal gas contracts are bearish this morning, reversing some of last week's downside after prices made strong gains on the back of geopolitical risk from US-Iran tensions.
- The W27 and S27 gas contracts are bullish this morning. Growing European reliance on US LNG is increasing concentration risk, whilst demand for gas is expected to continue growing across Europe amid coal-gas switching.
- China urged the US to scrap tariffs following the Supreme Court ruling, with the legality of some of Trump's tariffs being overruled, as easing trade tensions reduce global demand uncertainty across gas and power markets.
- UK and EU carbon contracts are shifting down in morning trading after a slight halting in the recent bearish trend on Friday. Expectations of policy intervention, and in the UK government instability concerns, remain the dominant drivers.

Yesterday's Session

Gas markets continued their strong bullish move on Friday amid escalating US-Iran tensions. The EU's reliance on spot US LNG cargoes risks lighter supply during the refilling season if trade through the Strait of Hormuz is compromised and Asia starts competing for US cargoes. EU and UK carbon moved up in a reversal of some of the recent downside. Power markets downside was less substantial given gains in carbon.

Weather Fundamentals

British wind forecasts for early March have been revised much lower, with the rest of the range relatively unchanged. Temperatures have also been up for the same period. Northwest European temperatures saw similar revisions to the UK, thought Central Europe saw some colder revisions. Northwest European wind follows the UK wind with the same period revised sharply down for much of the continent.

Gas Supply/Demand Fundamentals

Warmer revisions through early March are loosening UK domestic demand, with LDZ down 13mcm/d to 150mcm/d on WE and similarly softer across DA and WDNW. Gas-for-power rises to 43mcm/d on DA despite improved wind over the weekend. Norwegian supply strengthens, with flows up to 69mcm/d and Langedal increasing to 55mcm/d.

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Market Focus

US tariff uncertainty resurfaces after Supreme Court ruling. Trade policy uncertainty has returned to the forefront after the US Supreme Court struck down key elements of President Donald Trump's tariffs, forcing the administration to consider alternative legal routes and a proposed temporary 15% global levy. The ruling reopens questions over which goods and countries will face import taxes, at what rates and for how long, complicating pricing, inventory and investment decisions for businesses that had begun adapting to last year's trade regime. Economists warn that renewed volatility in tariff policy could weigh on hiring and capital expenditure, even if effective tariff rates fall in the near-term before any replacement measures are enacted. While broader sentiment on the US outlook remains relatively constructive, with recession risks seen as limited and productivity gains from AI offering support, prolonged policy flux risks delivering a modest drag on growth and adding another layer of uncertainty to global trade and investment flows.

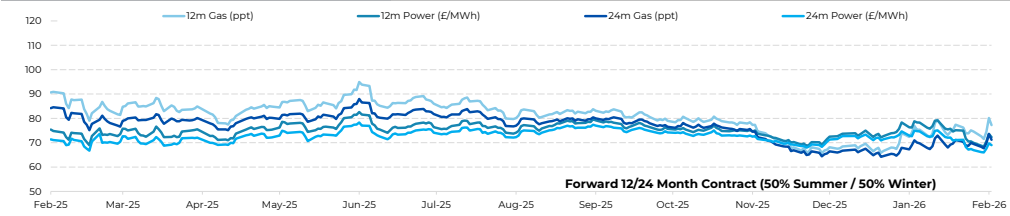
President Trump sets 10-15 day deadline for Iran nuclear deal, lifting geopolitical uncertainty across energy markets.

The US President warned that "really bad things" would follow if Tehran fails to reach a meaningful agreement, as Washington accelerates a large military build-up in the Middle East. Iran responded in a letter to United Nations' Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, that it would not start a war, but would retaliate against the US bases if attacked. Talks have continued, with both sides citing progress on guiding principles, yet key divisions remain over uranium enrichment and the scope of any broader restrictions. Russia urged restraint as a Russian warship joined planned Iranian naval drills in the Gulf of Oman, a critical route for global energy trade. Oil prices have already firmed on fears of escalation, and market participants are likely to keep a risk premium in place while the deadline approaches. For European energy markets, heightened Middle East tensions can translate quickly into LNG price sensitivity and broader risk-off moves across commodities.

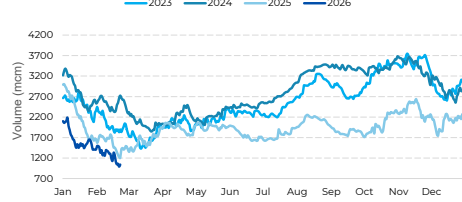
Russia-Ukraine peace talks end after being declared "difficult."

On Wednesday, the second day of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine taking place in Geneva ended after only two hours, with Zelenskiy describing them as "difficult" and accusing Russia of deliberately hampering progress. However, conflicting reports have emerged from Washington describing them as "meaningful progress." Officials from Moscow and Ukraine have stated that they will reconvene at a later date, though no official date has been announced. In Zelenskiy's evening video address to Ukraine, he stated that, "As of today, we cannot say that the results are sufficient. The military discussed certain issues seriously and substantially. Sensitive political matters, possible compromises, and the necessary meetings of leaders have not yet been sufficiently addressed." Anonymous reports from five European intelligence agencies suggest a pessimistic chance of a peace deal occurring this year, citing that Russia does not want to end the war quickly and is using talks with the US to push for sanctions relief and business opportunities.

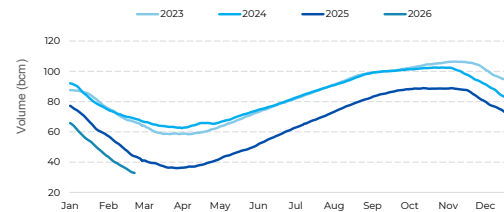
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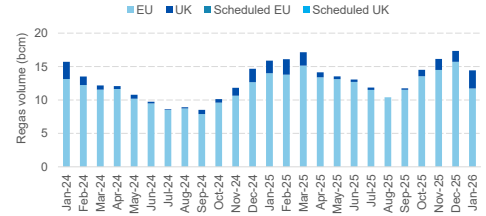
UK Gas and LNG Storage Levels



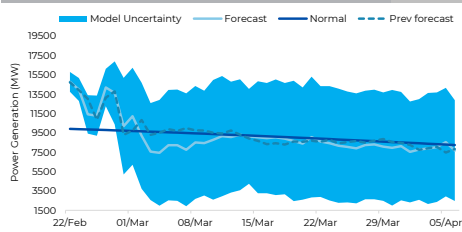
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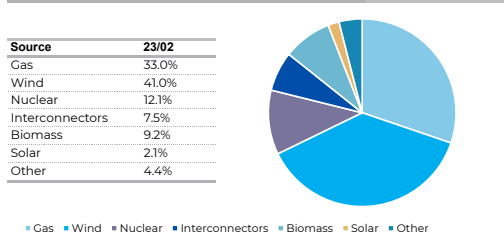
Historical Monthly LNG Supply



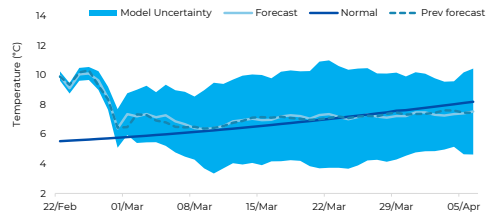
Wind Power Generation Forecast



Power Generation Mix (Last 24 Hours)



Temperature Forecast

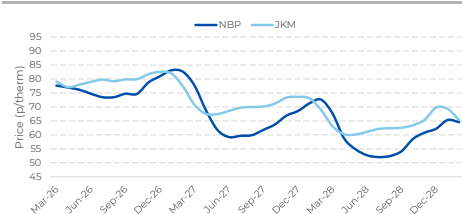


Nuclear Outages

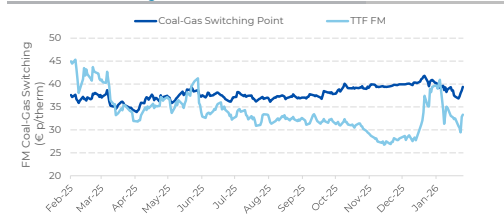
Facility	Capacity (MW)	Start Date	End Date
Hartlepool 2	595	04/06/25	11/03/26
Torness 2	595	21/01/26	09/04/26
Heysham 2-7	615	13/02/26	13/03/26

Current online capacity: 6500 MW / 100%

Global Gas Benchmarks



EU Coal-Gas Switching



Emissions Trading Scheme Carbon

