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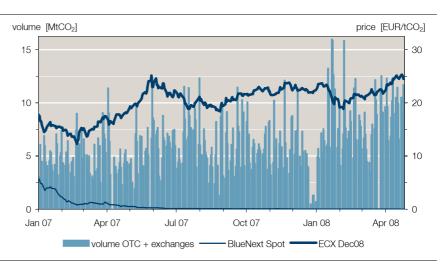
A daily average 9.4million EUAs traded through brokers and exchanges last week.

The carbon market kept perfect pace with the signal provided by fuel fundamentals throughout last week. Forward gas prices rose to record levels in the beginning of last week with Sum09 NBP closing at 69.7p/therm on Monday April 21st. Throughout the week, gas softened while coal gained strength. Cal09 API#2 coal set a new record closing at \$137.7/ton on April 23rd. As a result, Dec08 EUAs rose to peak at EUR 25.7/tCO₂ (the highest value since May 2007) in the beginning of last week to gradually weaken and close the week at EUR 24.7/tCO₂.

Although carbon moves in line with the directional signal provided by coal and gas prices, the fuel complex remains very bullish for carbon. EUA prices provide practically no incentive to switch from coal to gas. Based on current forward price balances, annual emissions from the EU power sector could be 50 to 100MtCO₂ higher compared to emissions from the past few years where the market did provide such incentives. With Sum09 NBP at 67.2p/therm and Cal09 API#2 at \$136.3/ton, CO₂ would need to cost at least EUR 42/tCO₂ to convince a utility to shift generation from a coal plant with 38% efficiency to a gas plant with 53% efficiency.

EU allowances, prices and volumes [€/tCO₂]

	25 Apr	18 Apr	1 year high	1 year low
BlueNext Spot	0.01	0.02	0.6	0.01
ECX Dec08	24.7	24.5	25.3	18.1
ECX Dec09	25.4	25.2	26.0	18.6
Spread 09/08	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.2



Source: Fortis, data provided by Reuters and Point Carbon

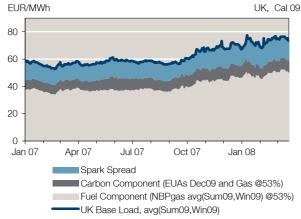
Indicative	clos	ına	prices

		D	ay ahead		May-08	\	Nin-08/09		Sum-09		Cal-09
		25 Apr	18 Apr	25 Apr	18 Apr	25 Apr	18 Apr	25 Apr	18 Apr	25 Apr	18 Apr
EUAs	[€/tCO2]	0.01	0.02	24.74	24.51	25.38	25.16	25.38	25.16	25.38	25.16
NBP gas	[p/therm]	63.75	60.50	64.34	59.39	82.10	79.30	67.18	66.52	74.64	72.91
TTF gas	[€/MWh]	26.33	25.00	26.77	25.11	33.92	32.41	28.66	28.11	31.03	30.19
API#2 coal	[\$/ton]	-	-	143.88	139.55	142.40	137.80	136.25	132.60	136.25	132.60
GE base load	[€/MWh]	64.25	70.88	57.50	57.10	72.38	71.63	61.74	61.05	66.05	65.90
UK base load	[£/MWh]	69.05	65.25	66.24	62.05	73.78	70.92	62.39	61.47	68.09	66.20
GE spark spread	(*) [€/MWh]	14.57	23.70	-2.44	0.38	-1.30	0.89	-2.01	-1.57	-2.16	-0.66
GE dark spread (*) [€/MWh]	-	-	0.60	1.86	15.26	16.22	6.11	6.88	10.42	11.73
UK spark spread	(*) [€/MWh]	35.59	33.21	22.11	20.74	16.92	15.51	14.65	13.96	15.78	14.74
UK dark spread (*) [€/MWh]	-	-	27.27	23.13	36.64	34.17	23.65	23.48	30.88	29.44
Switch 38/53 (**)	[€/tCO2]	33.8*	30.9*	34.8	29.2	63.7	61.4	42.8	43.6	54.7	53.7

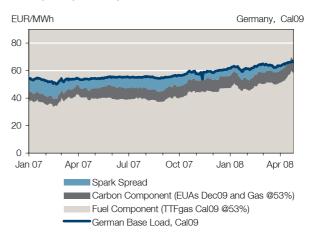
- (*) All spreads are carbon adjusted. GE spark TTF based, UK spark NBP based, GE and UK dark API#2 based. 53% gas and 38% coal efficiencies are used.
- (**) The theoretical switch price is the EUA value at which power from a 38% efficiency coal generator and a 53% efficiency gas generator costs the same to produce; i.e. the CO₂ price at which gas becomes more economic than coal. Switch day ahead uses NBP day ahead and API#2 1st month.

Source: Fortis, data provided by Reuters

UK power price components

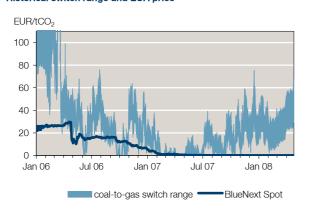


German power price components

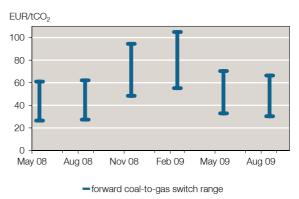


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Coal to gas switch levels [€/tCO₂] Historical switch range and EUA price



Switch range based on forward prices



The theoretical switch range is based on NBP gas and API#2 coal.

The lower band represents switching from 36% coal to 55% gas; the high band switching from 40% coal to 48% gas.

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