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Front-month European gas prices settled at near two-year highs on Tuesday amid a cold snap moving in across the continent, which is expected to drive gas demand. UK NBP closed at the equivalent of USD 6.89/MMBtu, its highest since late January 2019, with Dutch TTF settling at the equivalent of USD 6.29/MMBtu, its highest since early February last year.

The gains were mirrored on the other side of the Atlantic as US gas benchmark Henry Hub rallied by 2.8% to close at USD 2.78/MMBtu. Asian spot LNG marker JKM also continued to climb, settling 7% higher to close at USD 10.76/MMBtu.

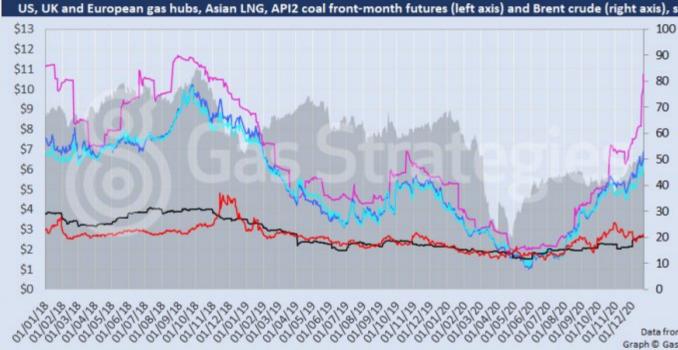
Oil prices fell again, however the front-month Brent price remained in the USD 50/barrel range. WTI remained in the USD 47/barrel range despite falling by almost USD 1 dollar for a second consecutive day.

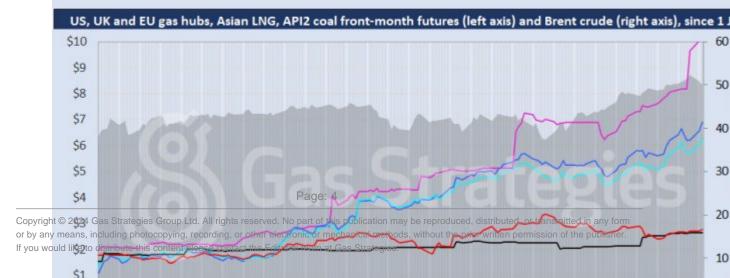
The European carbon price stopped the rot, with ICE's front month EU allowance (EUA) contract closing 0.8% higher to settle at EUR 31.01/tonne.

Front-month futures and indexes at last close with day-on-day changes (click to enlarge):



| Front-month futures/index | 22/12/2020 | 21/12/2020 | Daily +/- (\$) | Daily |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------|
| Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu) | 2.78 | 2.71 | 0.07 | |
| NBP (\$/MMBtu) | 6.89 | 6.56 | 0.33 | d — |
| NBP (£p/th) | 51.62 | 49.10 | 2.52 | |
| Henry Hub-NBP spread | 4.11 | 3.85 | 0.26 | |
| TTF (\$/MMBtu) | 6.29 | 6.02 | 0.27 | |
| TTF (€/MWh) | 17.64 | 16.80 | 0.84 | |
| Henry Hub-TTF spread | 3.51 | 3.32 | 0.19 | |
| JKM (\$/MMBtu) | 10.76 | 10.05 | 0.71 | |
| TTF-JKM spread | 4.46 | 4.03 | 0.44 | |
| Henry Hub-JKM spread | 7.98 | 7.35 | 0.63 | |
| Brent (\$/barrel) | 50.08 | 50.91 | -0.83 | |
| WTI (\$/barrel) | 47.02 | 47.97 | -0.95 | |
| Brent-WTI spread (\$/barrel) | 3.06 | 2.94 | 0.12 | Î |
| API2 Coal (\$/tonne) | 66.15 | 66.20 | -0.05 | |
| API2 Coal (\$/MMBtu) | 2.65 | 2.65 | 0.00 | |
| EU CO₂ emissions allowances (€/tonne) | 31.01 | 30.76 | 0.25 | |







[2]

Time references based on London GMT. Brent, WTI, NBP, TTF and EU CO2 data from ICE. Henry Hub, JKM and API2 data from CME. Prices in USD/MMBtu based on exchange rates at last market close. All monetary values rounded to nearest whole cent/penny. Text and graphic copyright © Gas Strategies, all rights reserved.







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