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European natural gas prices fell on Monday, with abundant supply once again outweighing fears of heightened competition for LNG with Asia.

Despite the recent concerns about rising demand in Asia, a factor that threatens gas deliveries to Europe, the market remains well-supplied and optimistic that European storages will be well-filled ahead of the upcoming winter.

In addition, demand within Europe is reported to be very low, with the prices slumping to some of their lowest levels in a month.

TTF settled 9.5% lower to USD 9.74/MMBtu, while NBP plunged 10.2% to USD 9.44/MMBtu.

Spot LNG remained strong, at USD 12.06/MMBtu, placing the benchmark at a significant premium over TTF – at least for now.

Meanwhile, Russia maintains its presence in the European LNG market, with the Spanish government reporting that Russia provided 27.9% of Spain's gas imports in May, up from 11.9% a year earlier. Russia therefore rose to become Spain's second-largest supplier of gas in May after Algeria.

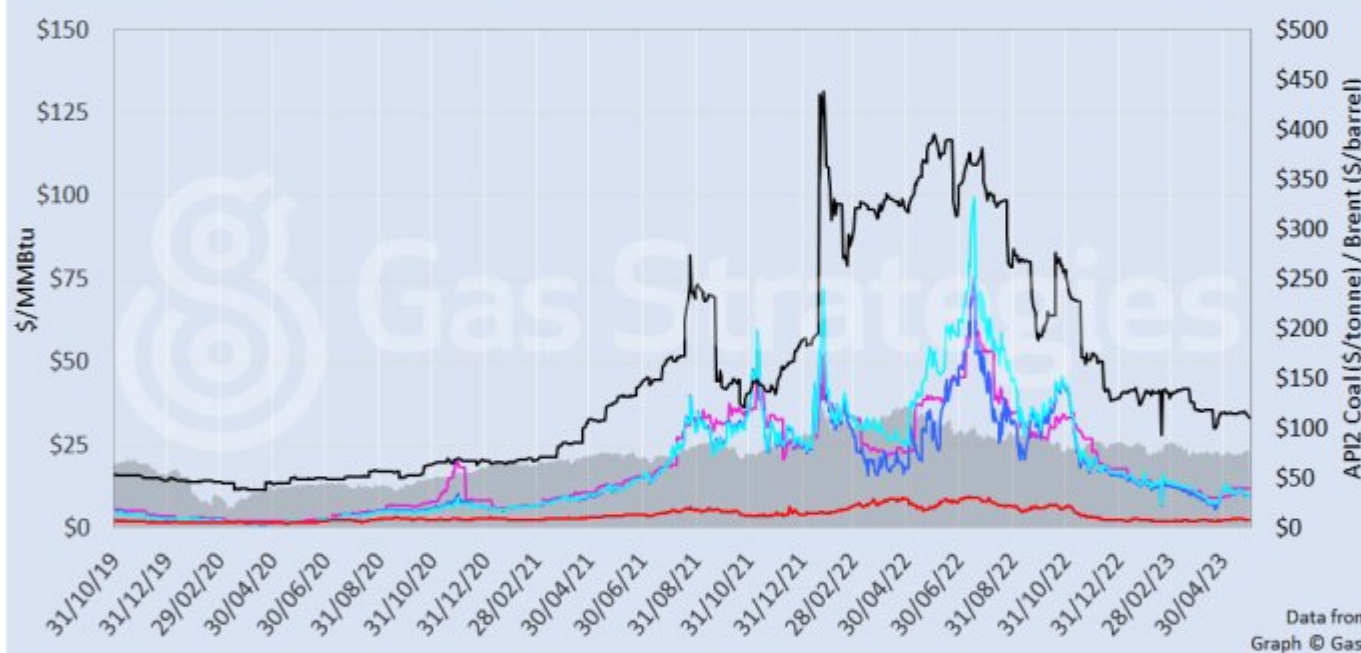
This came amid heightened debate among EU member states for a need to impose sanctions on Russian LNG imports reaching the bloc's LNG terminals.

The front-month Henry Hub price rose 3.4% to USD 2.67/MMBtu, bolstered by forecasts for persisting summer heat and the resulting from it high cooling demand.

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

Front-month futures/index	10/07/2023	07/07/2023	Daily +/- (\$)	Daily
Henry Hub (\$/MMBtu)	2.67	2.58	0.09	
NBP (\$/MMBtu)	9.44	10.51	-1.07	
NBP (£p/th)	73.53	81.86	-8.33	
Henry Hub-NBP spread	6.77	7.93	-1.16	
TTF (\$/MMBtu)	9.74	10.76	-1.02	
TTF (€/MWh)	30.23	33.48	-3.25	
Henry Hub-TTF spread	7.07	8.17	-1.10	
JKM (\$/MMBtu)	12.06	12.09	-0.03	
TTF-JKM spread	2.32	1.33	0.99	
Henry Hub-JKM spread	9.39	9.50	-0.11	
Brent (\$/barrel)	77.69	78.47	-0.78	
WTI (\$/barrel)	72.99	73.86	-0.87	
Brent-WTI spread (\$/barrel)	4.70	4.61	0.09	
API2 Coal (\$/tonne)	111.50	115.65	-4.15	
API2 Coal (\$/MMBtu)	4.46	4.63	-0.17	
EU CO ₂ emissions allowances (€/tonne)	84.80	84.65	0.15	

US, UK and EU gas hubs, Asian LNG (left axis), API2 coal front-month futures and Brent crude (right axis), since 2019



EU carbon allowances (EUAs) on the Emissions Trading System (ETS)



[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.



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