

Energy Market Monitoring Report

September 2024



Market Results

Summary Dashboard

Monthly Averages	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24
DAM (€/MWh)	96.24	106.46	111.62	125.54	122.9	88.97	99.9	84.6	86.67	88.52	107.75	107.74	110.94	100.44	112.73
% Change from previous month	-18%	11%	5%	12%	-2%	-28%	12%	-15%	2%	2%	22%	0%	3%	-9%	12%
% Change from previous year	-64%	-73%	-61%	-8%	-14%	-68%	-38%	-47%	-40%	-30%	2%	-8%	15%	-6%	1%
Actual System Demand (MW)	4101	4185	4335	4516	4873	4862	5151	4946	4833	4610	4356	4193	4279	4255	4467.76
% Change from previous month	-2%	2%	4%	4%	8%	0%	6%	-4%	-2%	-5%	-6%	-4%	2%	-1%	5%
% Change from previous year	0%	2%	3%	4%	5%	0%	5%	3%	0%	3%	2%	0%	4%	2%	3%
Actual Wind Generation (MW)	1316	1401	1384	1363	1811	2446	1854	2000	2072	1496	894	1072	883	1437	1263
% Change from previous month	50%	6%	-1%	-2%	33%	35%	-24%	8%	4%	-28%	-40%	20%	-18%	63%	-12%
% Change from previous year	54%	71%	28%	-33%	-19%	49%	-7%	-1%	19%	-3%	1%	22%	-33%	3%	-9%
Gas Price p/therm	70.76	82.87	91.52	104.88	104.97	84.2	74.87	63.37	68.18	71.69	76.69	81.51	75.07	84.71	86.94
% Change from previous month	-9%	17%	10%	15%	0%	-20%	-11%	-15%	8%	5%	7%	6%	-8%	13%	3%
% Change from previous year	-68%	-77%	-61%	3%	-19%	-68%	-52%	-53%	-39%	-29%	6%	5%	6%	2%	-5%
Carbon Price (€/Tonne)	86.57	84.61	82.09	81.10	76.25	71.79	65.52	55.79	57.94	63.25	70.90	68.29	67.00	70.12	64.86
% Change from previous month	1%	-2%	-3%	-1%	-6%	-6%	-9%	-15%	4%	9%	12%	-4%	-2%	5%	-8%
% Change from previous year	6%	-4%	17%	15%	1%	-16%	-18%	-39%	-35%	-30%	-16%	-20%	-23%	-17%	-21%
Coal Price (\$/tonne)	111.02	115.57	120.40	131.80	122.16	118.31	107.65	96.84	111.78	118.13	106.15	109.54	105.93	121.36	114.96
% Change from previous month	-1%	4%	4%	9%	-7%	-3%	-9%	-10%	15%	6%	-10%	3%	-3%	15%	-5%
% Change from previous year	-71%	-67%	-65%	-52%	-43%	-51%	-38%	-29%	-17%	-14%	-11%	-3%	-5%	5%	-5%
EWIC % Import Periods	67.11%	68.11%	73.75%	86.90%	68.78%	56.38%	69.76%	69.10%	63.78%	81.94%	84.98%	85.90%	94.59%	85.29%	81.53%
EWIC % Export Periods	9.21%	11.96%	8.89%	2.99%	9.11%	20.36%	14.78%	11.00%	11.32%	4.86%	0.67%	3.72%	1.11%	7.56%	5.52%
EWIC % Not Flow Periods	22.68%	19.93%	17.36%	10.11%	22.11%	23.25%	15.46%	19.90%	24.90%	13.19%	14.35%	10.38%	4.30%	7.15%	12.95%
Moyle % Import Periods	84.04%	75.24%	83.33%	92.31%	83.47%	67.81%	78.16%	79.59%	79.00%	87.40%	94.96%	92.47%	96.77%	80.71%	91.98%
Moyle % Export Periods	15.89%	20.33%	16.60%	7.66%	16.50%	32.16%	21.81%	20.34%	20.83%	12.50%	5.27%	7.53%	3.23%	10.44%	7.60%
Moyle % Not Flow Periods	0.07%	4.44%	0.07%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.07%	0.17%	0.10%	0.03%	0.00%	0.00%	8.84%	0.42%

Market Volumes September 2024

Daily Average Volume MWh

DAM	111,224
IDA1	22,373
IDA2	2,710
IDA3	865
IDC	21

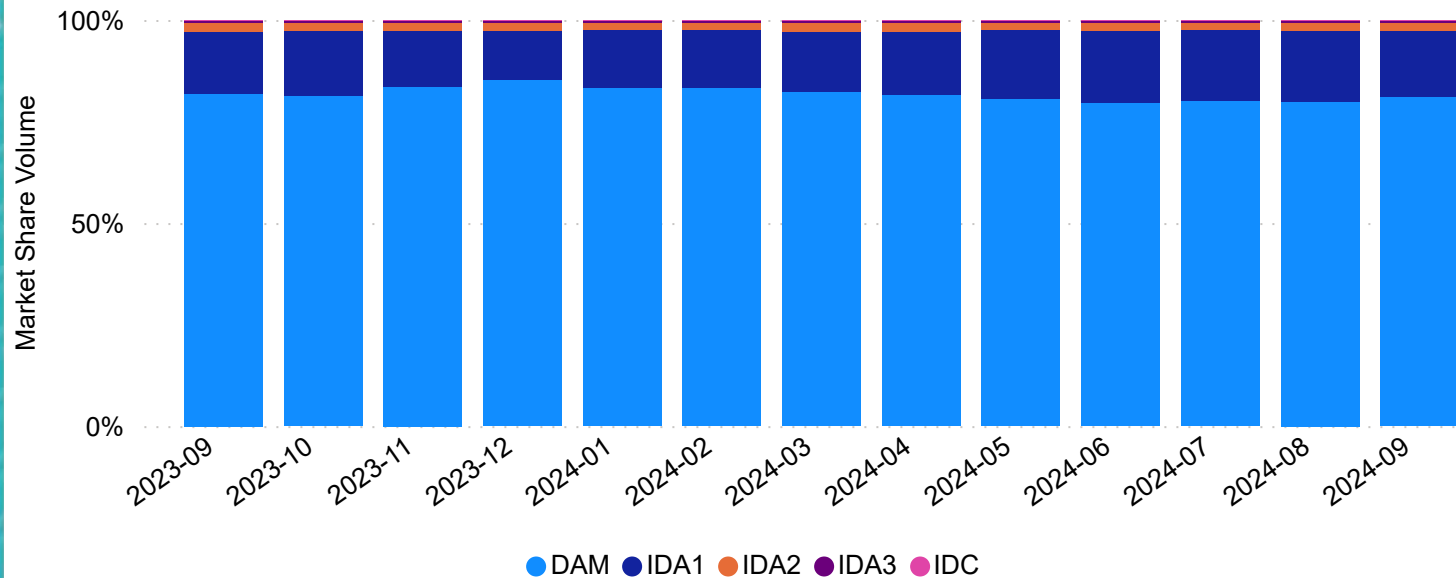
Total Monthly Volume MWh

DAM	3,336,731
IDA1	671,181
IDA2	81,285
IDA3	25,945
IDC	399
Total	4,115,541

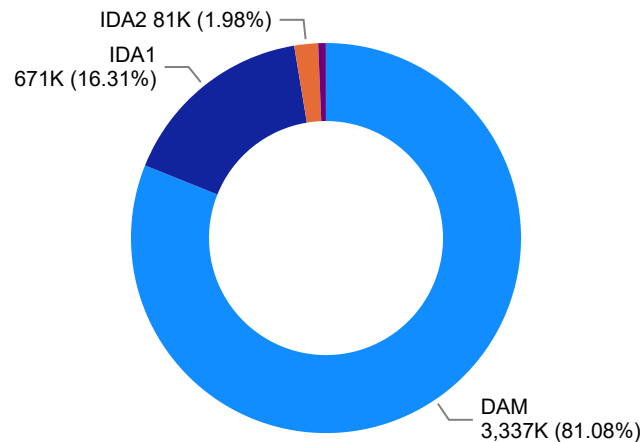
Total Market Value €

DAM	€ 382,522,839
IDA1	€ 77,216,357
IDA2	€ 9,533,410
IDA3	€ 3,526,344
IDC	€ 52,501
Total	€ 472,851,452

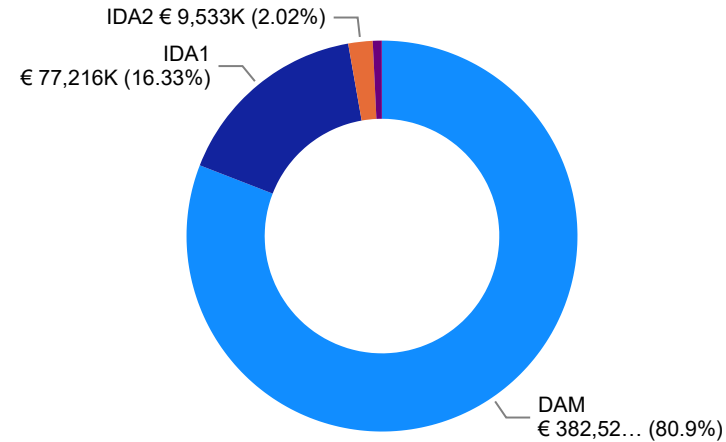
Ex-Ante Monthly Volume by Market



Ex-Ante Volumes (MWh)



Ex-Ante Values (€)



Market Volumes and Values

The Day Ahead Market is, by far, the largest market in the SEM, circa 80-85% of all transactions are cleared in this market. The distribution of volumes across the SEM markets have been broadly constant since the introduction of these trading arrangements in October 2018.

Generally, in power markets, market participants will prefer to lock their positions well ahead of delivery time given the increased volatility in prices closer to real time.

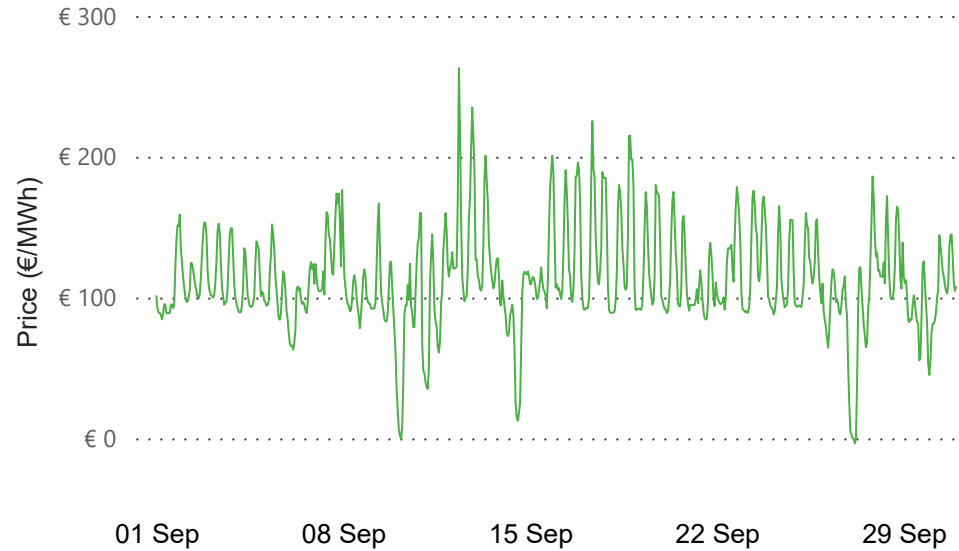
Another important factor is associated with the TSO dispatch arrangements. The vast majority of wind generation in the SEM is cleared at the Day Ahead stage. That might also explain to some extent the additional volumes cleared in this market.

Day Ahead Market September 2024

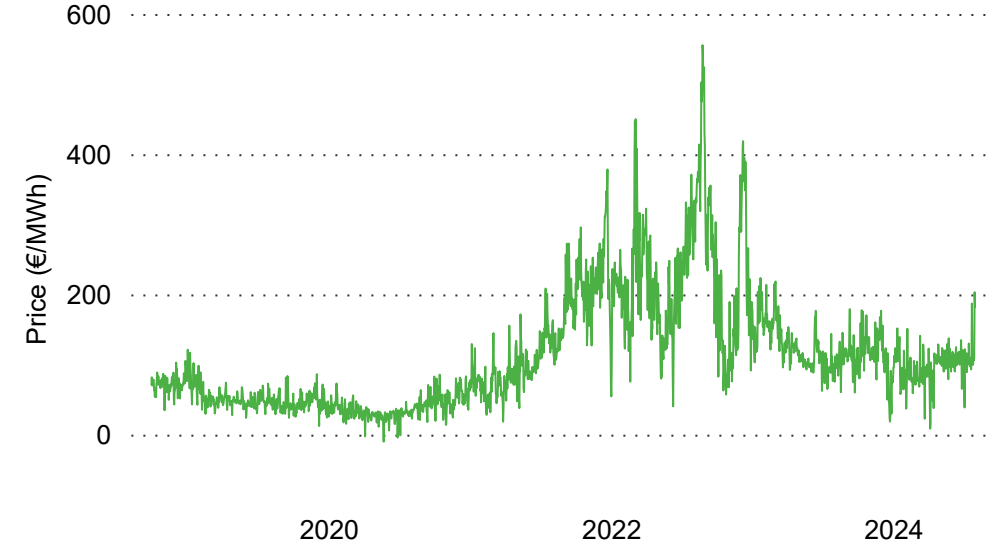
€ 112.73
Average DAM Price
-€ 3.51
Min DAM Price
€ 263.00
Max DAM Price

The most frequent price range for September was between €80 and €120.

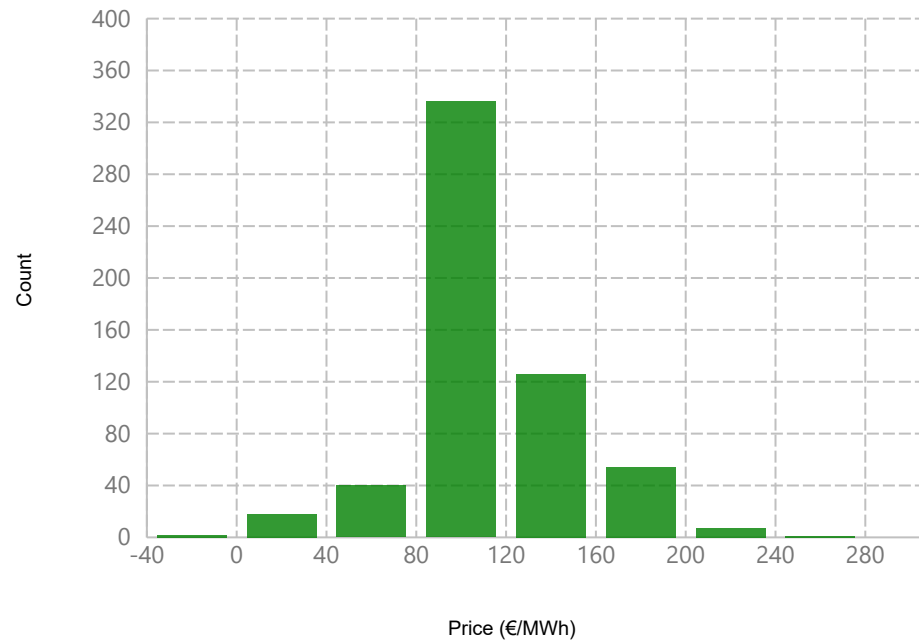
DAM Prices



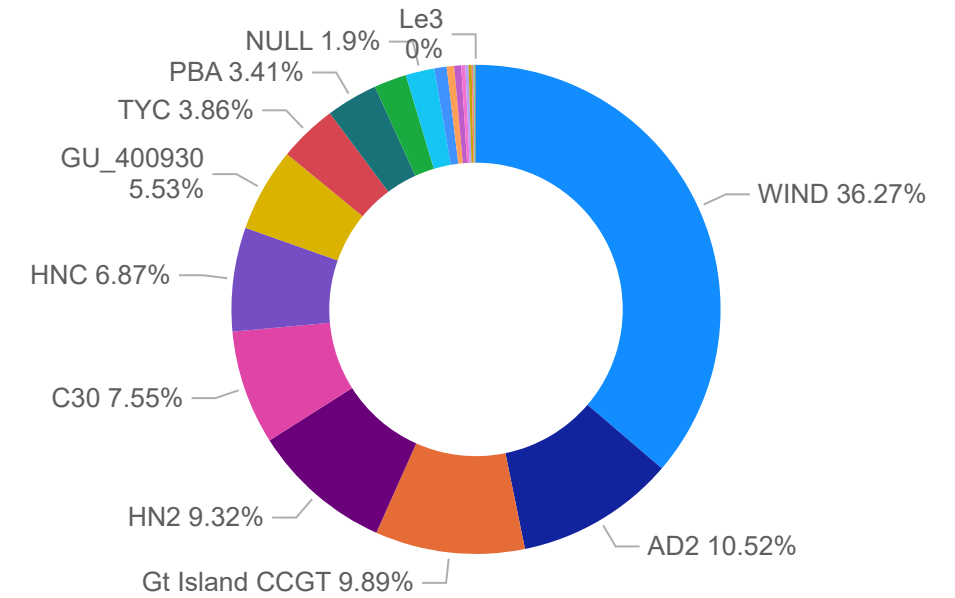
Historic Daily Average DAM Prices



Histogram of DAM Prices



DAM Sell Side Generator Order Results

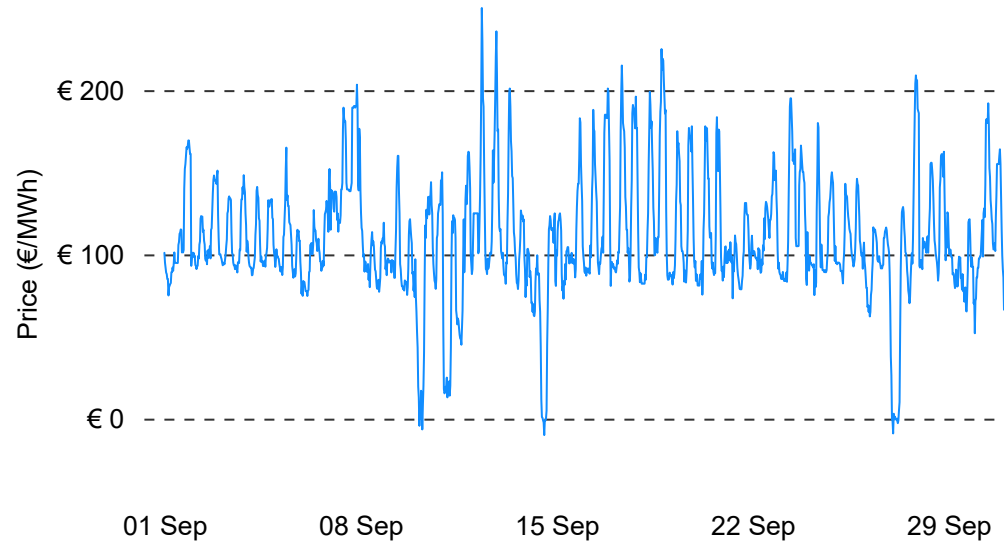


Intraday Market September 2024

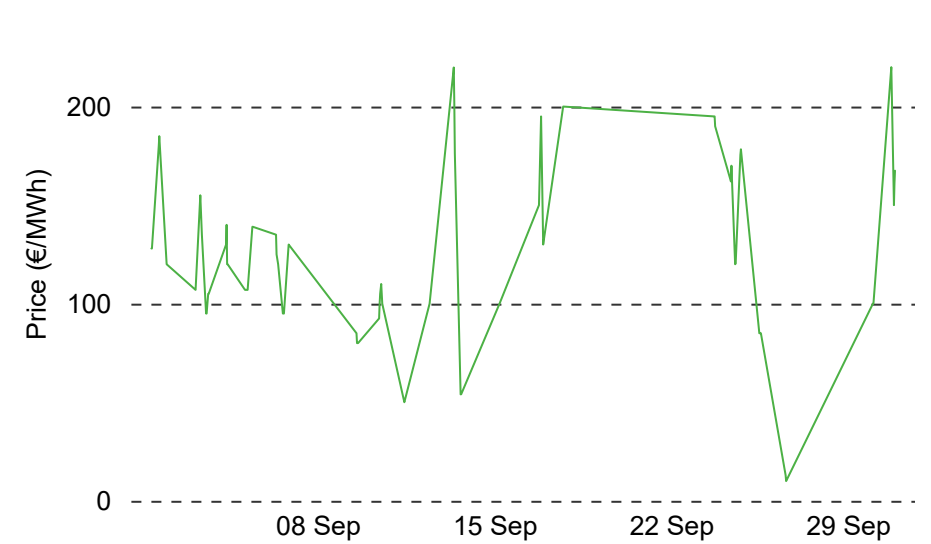
€ 110.12
Average IDA1 Price
-€ 10.00
Min IDA1 Price
€ 250.00
Max IDA1 Price

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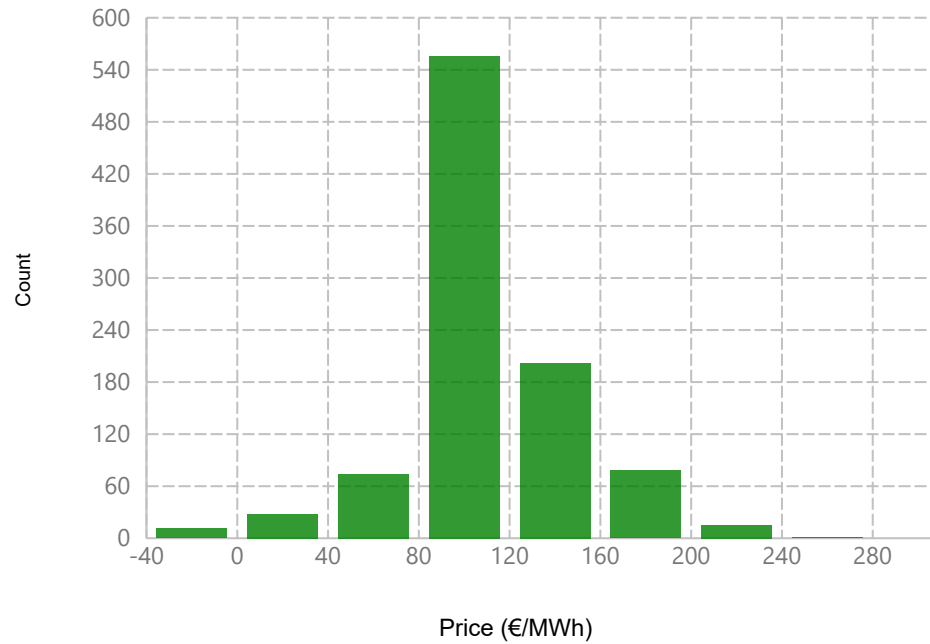
IDA 1 Prices



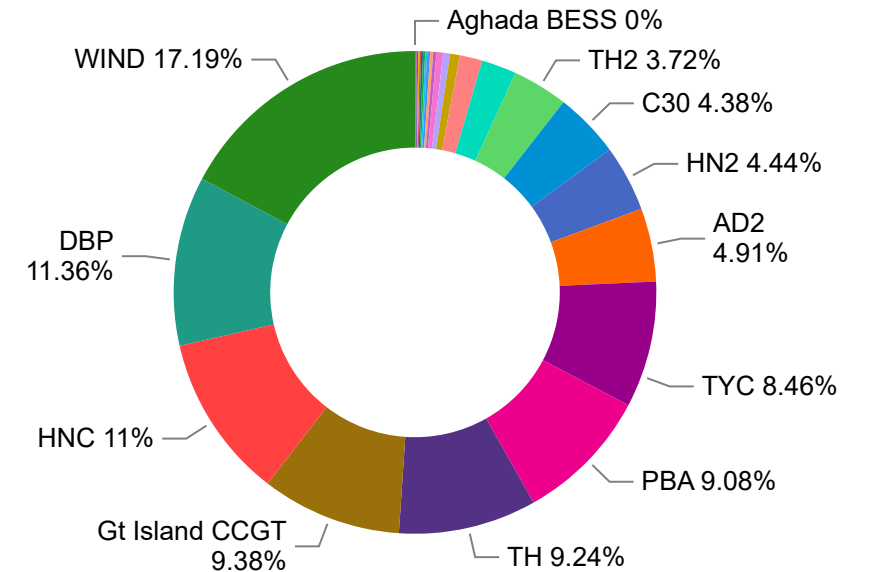
IDC Prices



Histogram of IDA1 Prices



IDA1 Sell Order Results By Market Participant



Intraday Market September 2024

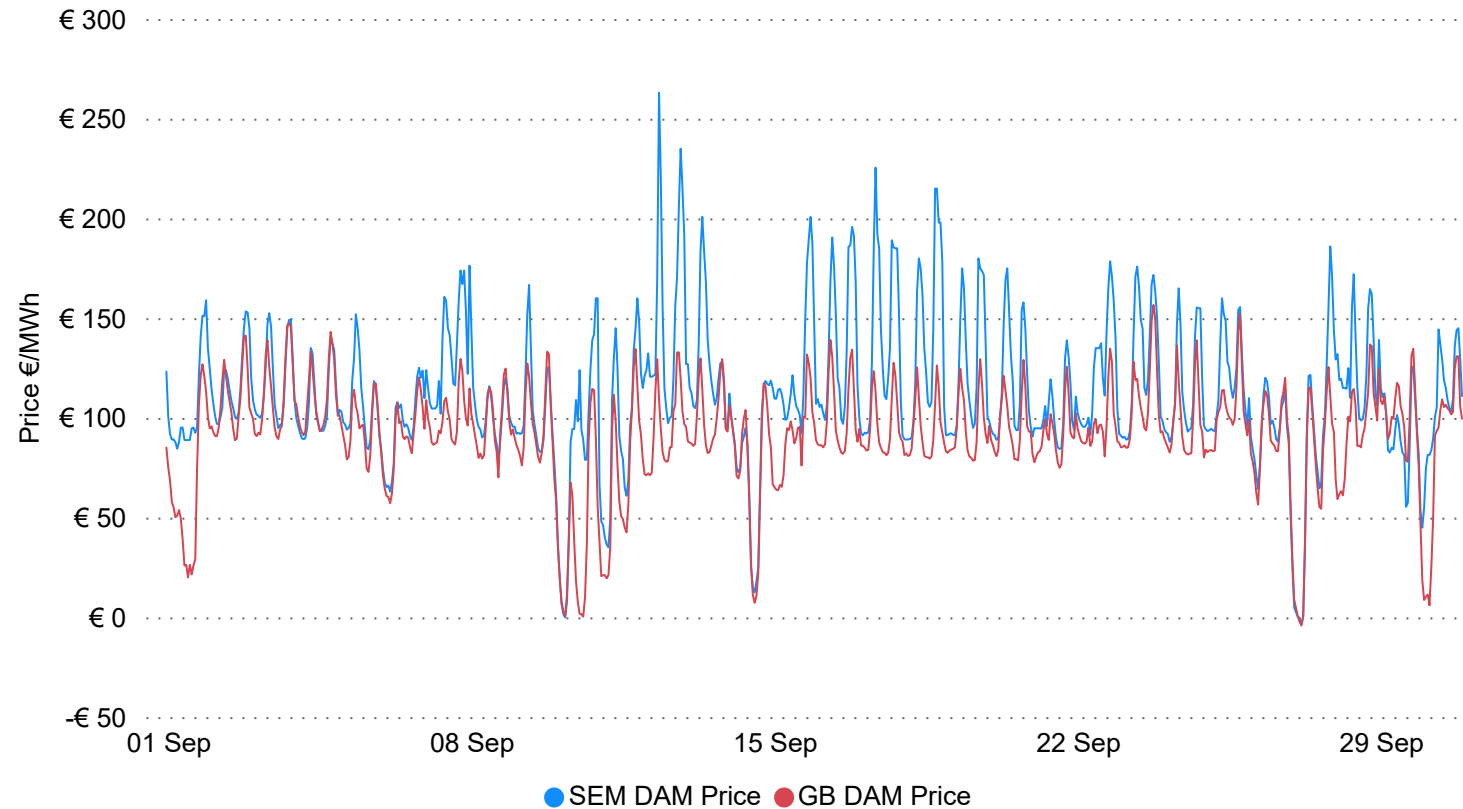
SEM Day Ahead Price

€ 112.76
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€ 263.00
Max Price

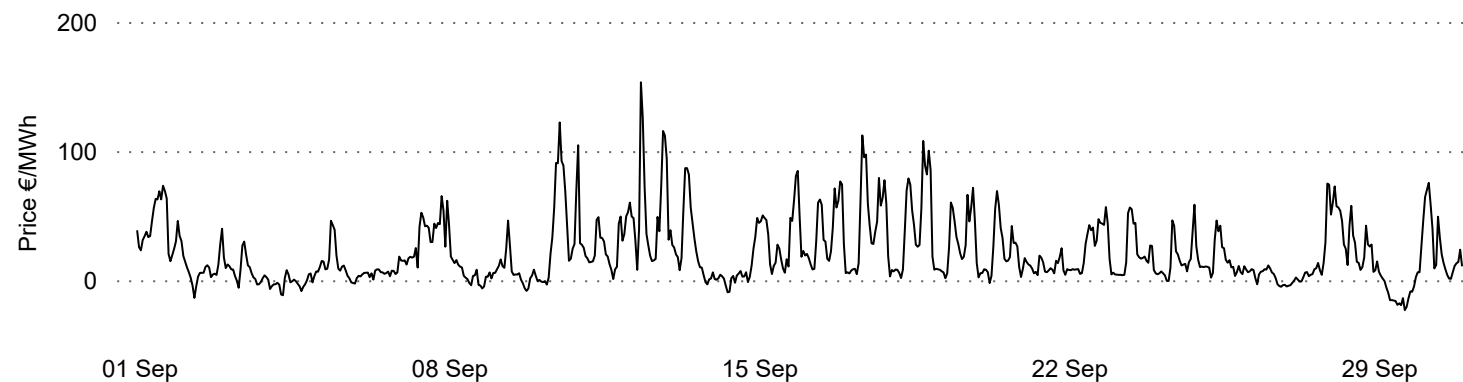
GB Day Ahead Price

€ 91.47
Average Price
-€ 4.05
Min Price
€ 156.66
Max Price

SEM & GB DAM Prices



SEM & GB DAM Prices Spread



SEM-GB Price Differential

The charts show that the SEM and GB prices appear to follow the same general trend. Significant spreads can be observed on several occasions. The MMU has investigated the underlying reasons for these spreads and the findings are consistent with those discussed with the SEMC previously.

Basically, the periods of significant spreads between the two markets are generally correlated with period of very low wind. Due to the prevailing fuel mix across both regions, the effects of low wind are felt more intensively in the SEM than in GB. The MMU will continue to investigate this matter further and come back to the SEMC in the foreseeable future with more information on this front.

SEM Interconnectors September 2024

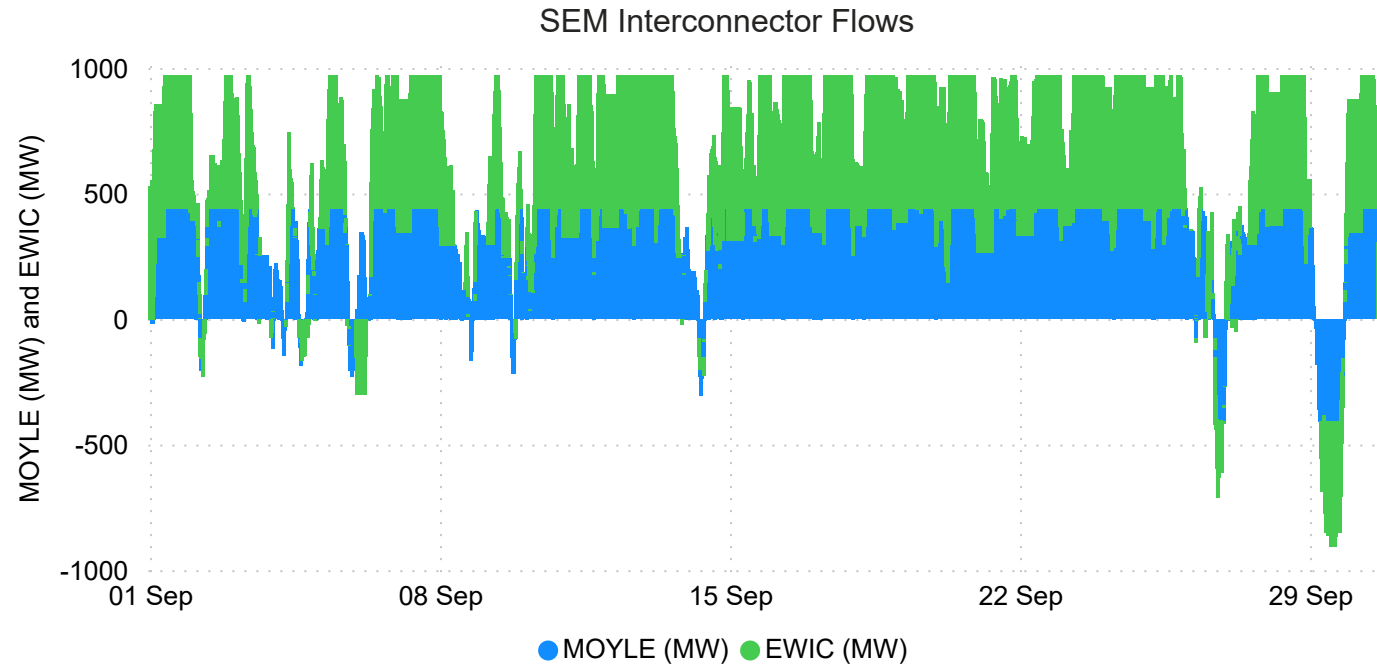
Events of capacity curtailment (by the SEM TSO) in the direction SEM to GB.

Moyle	EWIC
3rd 13:56 - 14:30	4th 06:00 - 21:00
4th 05:00 - 23:00	5th 05:00 - 21:00
30th 14:28 - 16:30	

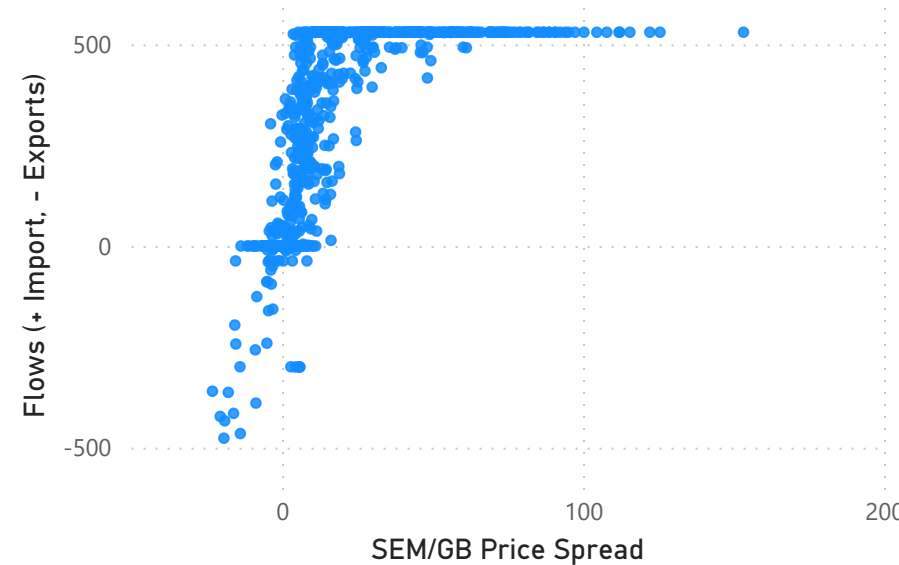
Interconnector Flows

In September, the SEM Interconnectors mostly imported power from GB, with only minimal exports. This reflects the predominantly higher prices in the SEM compared with GB. There were also a substantial number of events when interconnection capacity is curtailed by the TSO in the SEM GB direction.

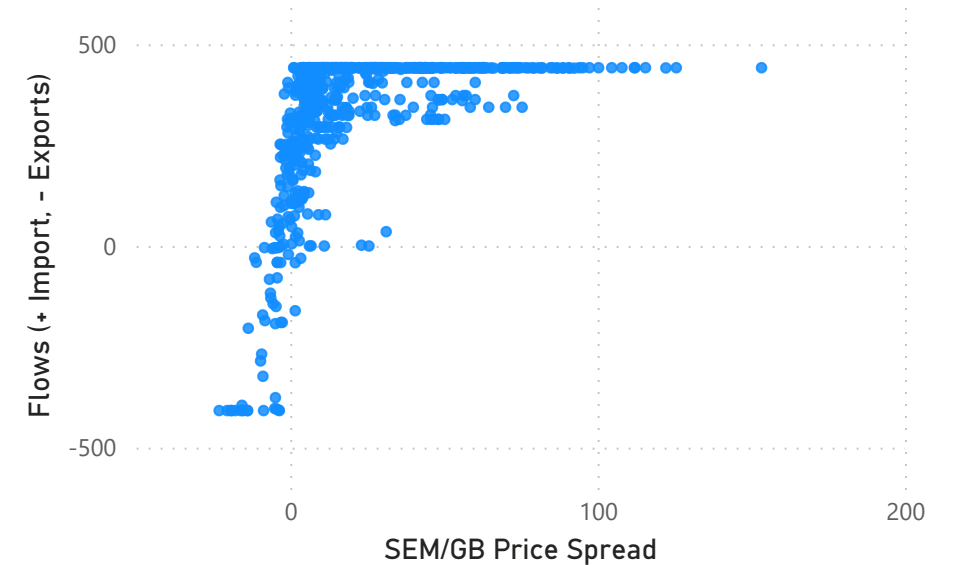
EWIC imports volumes were slightly higher than Moyle and exports were lower than that of Moyle.



EWIC Flows vs SEM/GB Price Spread



Moyle Flows vs SEM/GB Price Spread

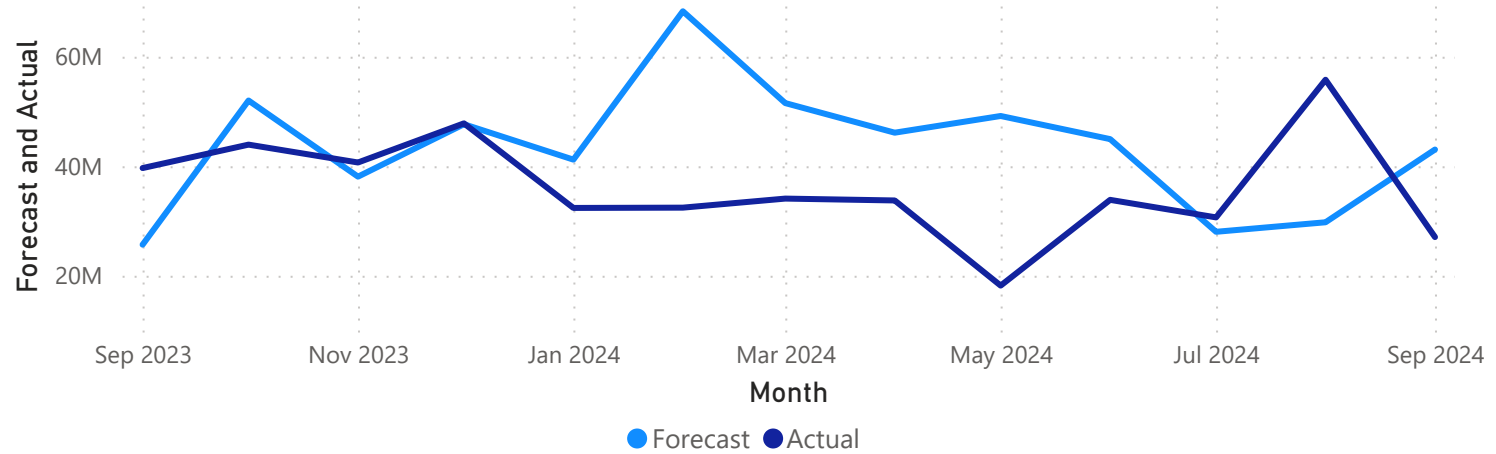


Balancing Market September 2024

Where power stations are run differently from the market schedule, it is termed "constraint". Subject to the Trading and Settlement Code and Firm Access, Constraint payments keep generators financially neutral for the difference between the market schedule and what actually happened when generating units were dispatched.

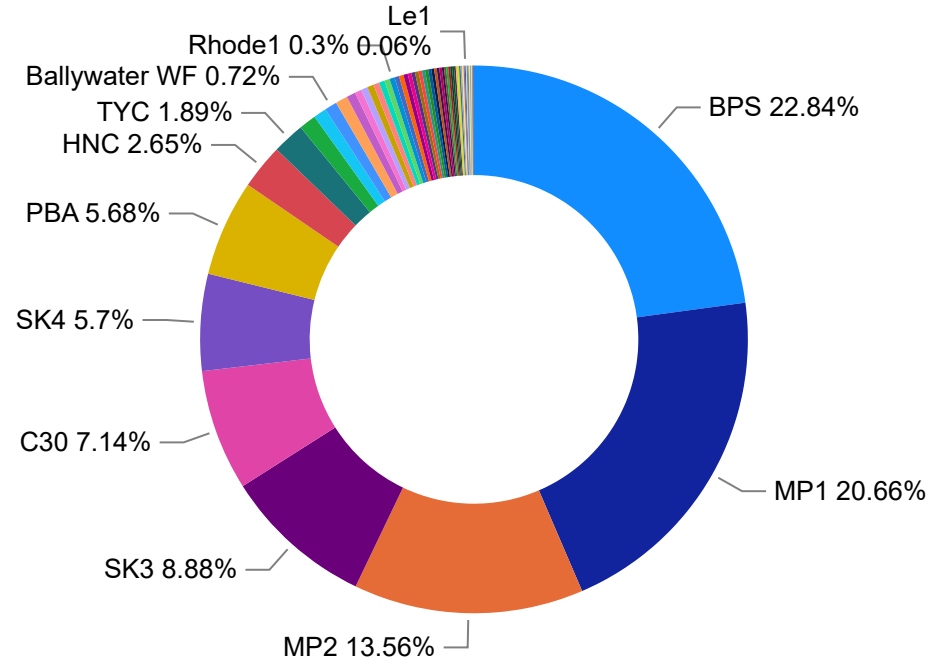
Generators can be constrained 'on' or 'up' if the market schedule indicated they were to be run at lower levels than actually happened. Or they could be constrained 'down' or 'off' if they were to be run at a higher level than happened in reality. There is always an overall net cost to the system associated with constraints.

Imperfection Costs - Forecast vs Actual



Determinant Name	Value €
CABBPO	17,146.61
CAOPO	-317,028.06
CCURL	-504,675.34
CDISCOUNT	13,369,184.03
CFC	3,064,529.67
CPREMIUM	11,904,573.18
CTEST	-19,513.21
CUNIMB	-446,817.94
Total	27,067,398.94

Market Share per Unit (CFC, CPREMIUN, CDISCOUNT)



Constraints Payments

This charts illustrates the distribution of selected Constraint Payments, to specific power plants. As it can be seen, BPS (EP Ballylumford Ltd) was the largest receiver of these payments in September followed by Moneypoint 1 and Moneypoint 2. The MMU are continuing to monitor Balancing Market outcomes.

Balancing Market September 2024

30 Minutes Imbalance Price

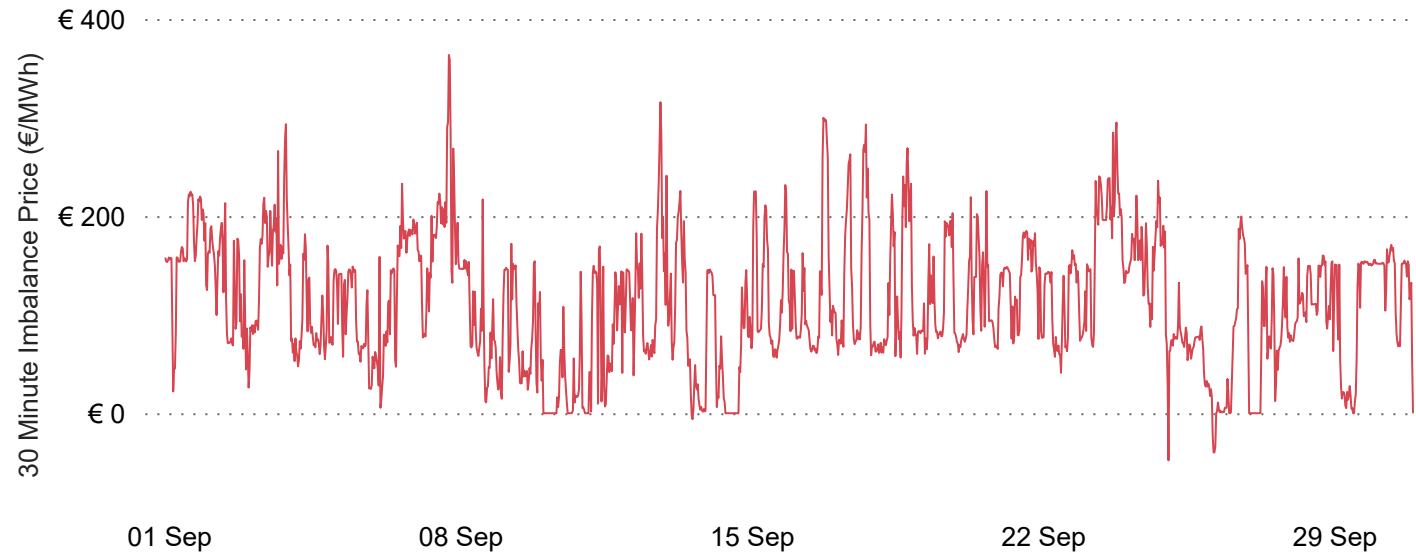
€ 111.55
Average Price
-€ 47.86
Lowest Price
€ 363.51
Highest Price

Imbalance Price & Volumes

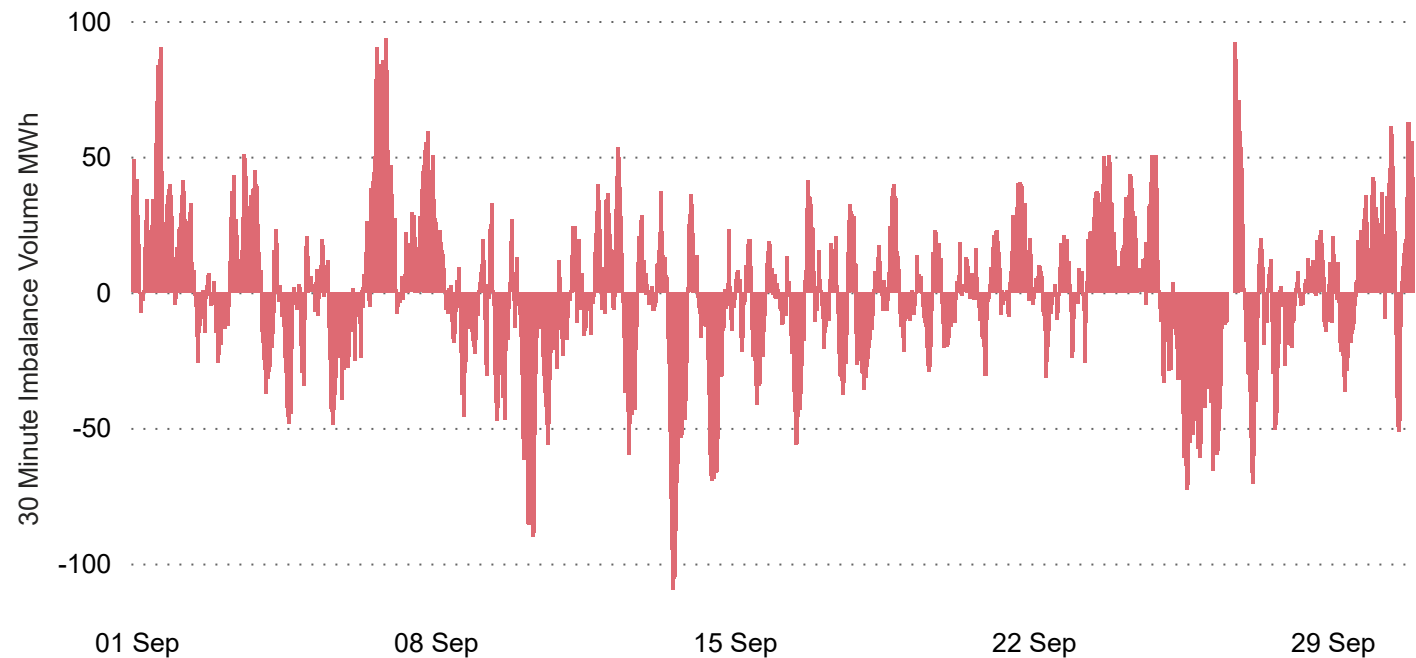
The average Imbalance (BM) Price this month is slightly lower than the Day Ahead Price. Additionally, the Balancing Market prices has exhibited a much higher range of prices indicating a higher level of volatility compared to Day Ahead Market Prices. This is an expected characteristic of the Balancing Market.

There were no Reliability Options events this month as the Balancing Market prices have not breached the PSTR level.

30 Minute Imbalance Prices



30 Minute Imbalance Volume





Demand and Generation Mix

Demand September 2024

SEM Demand

4,467.76	4,335.04
SEM Average 2024	SEM Average 2023
3,477.29	3,310.10
SEM Min 2024	SEM Min 2023
5,161.42	5,060.60
SEM Max 2024	SEM Max 2023

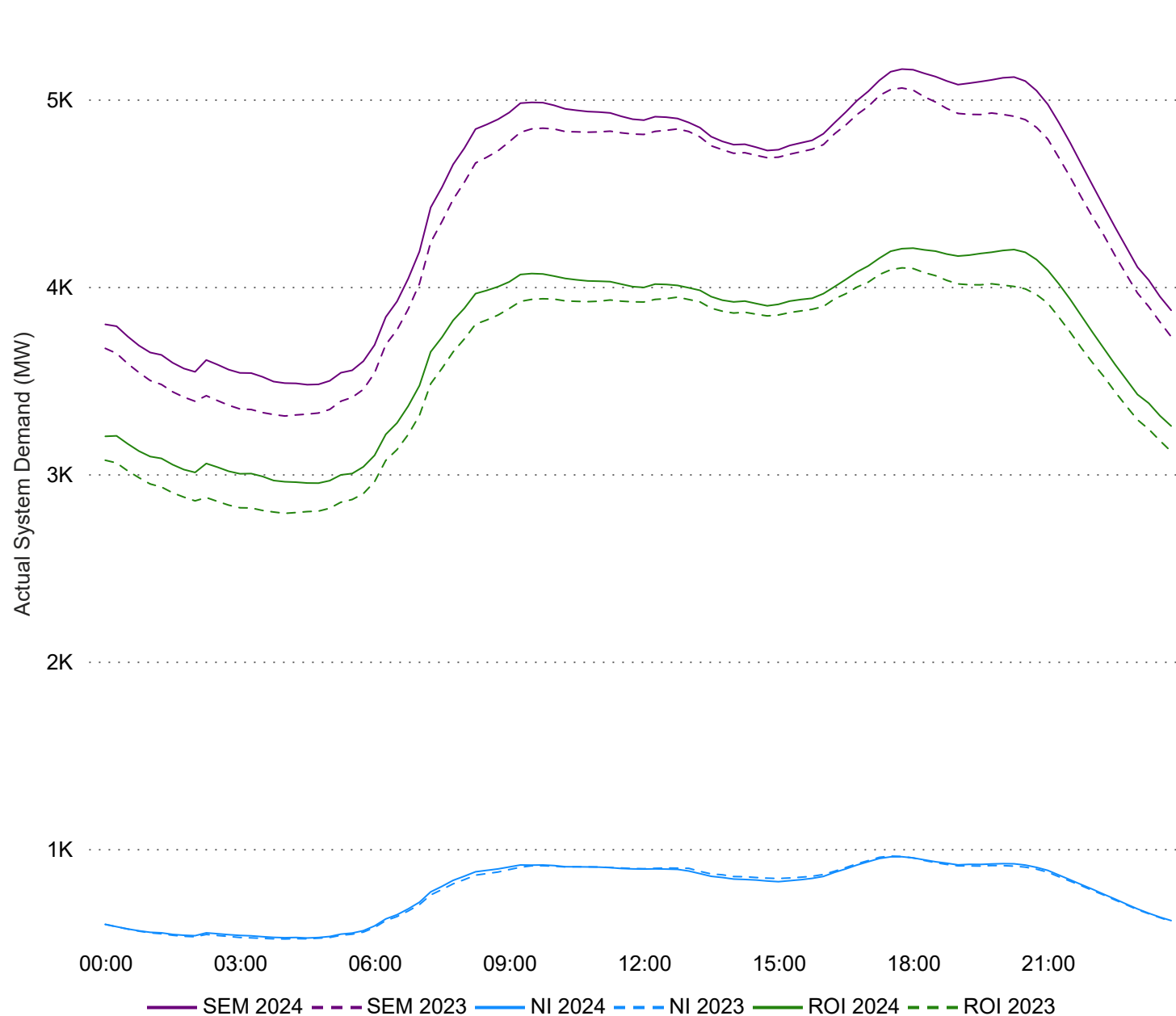
NI Demand

773.10	770.34
NI Average 2024	NI Average 2023
524.58	519.23
NI Min 2024	NI Min 2023
958.26	961.73
NI Max 2024	NI Max 2023

ROI Demand

3,694.65	3,564.71
ROI Average 2024	ROI Average 2023
2,951.97	2,790.67
ROI Min 2024	ROI Min 2023
4,205.97	4,100.83
ROI Max 2024	ROI Max 2023

Monthly Average Hourly Demand Curves



SEM Demand

The graph illustrates a steady demand within NI, with no significant deviation compared to the corresponding period in the previous year.

The demand for ROI during the month has shown an increase of 3.64% relative to the same period last year.

Demand in the SEM as a whole is up by 3.06% relative to the same period last year.

Duration Curves September 2024

Price Duration

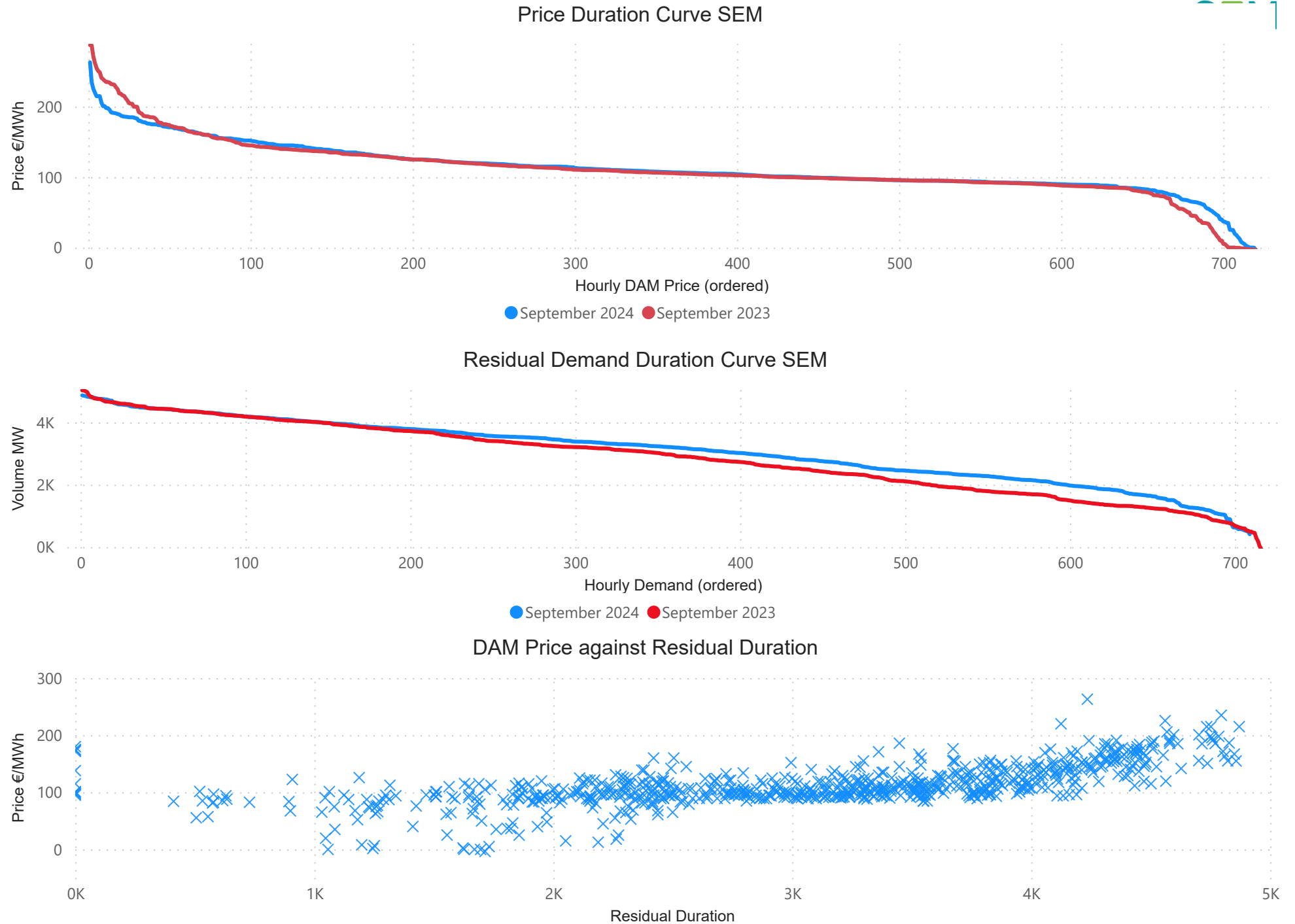
The price duration curve shows the hourly DAM prices across the month ordered from the largest to the smallest.

Residual Duration

The residual demand curve shows the ordered hourly demand level across the month which can't be met by renewable generation.

Price against Residual Duration

Shows the residual duration for each period relative to the DAM price for that period.



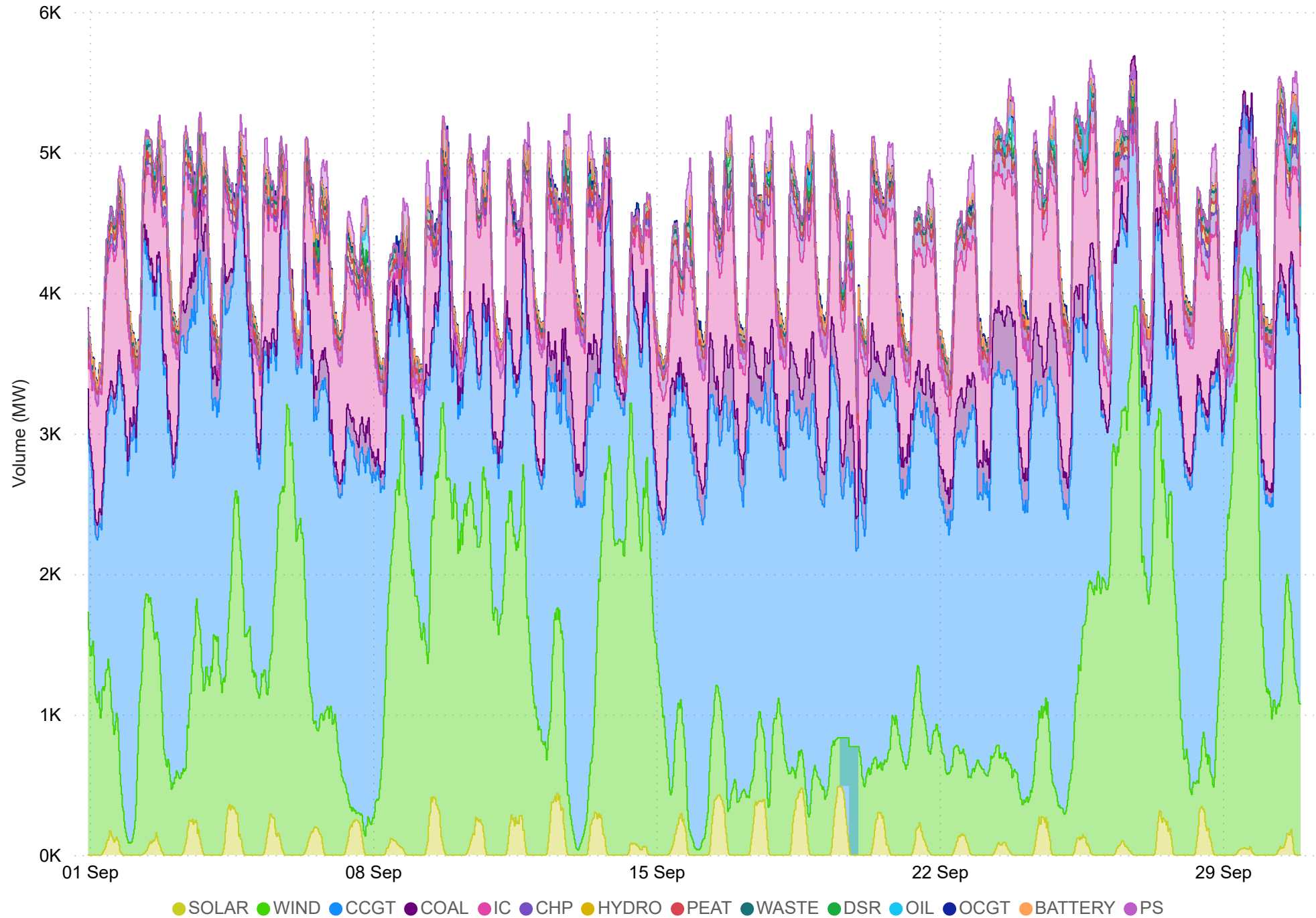


Fuel Mix September 2024

Fuel Type	Avg Monthly	Per. Monthly
CCGT	1990	45.0%
WIND	1274	28.8%
INTERCONNECTORS	655	14.8%
COAL	181	4.1%
CHP	117	2.6%
SOLAR	77	1.7%
WASTE	73	1.7%
DSR	32	0.7%
HYDRO	30	0.7%
OCGT	7	0.2%
OIL	5	0.1%
PEAT	0	0.0%
BATTERY	-6	-0.1%
PUMPED STORAGE	-16	-0.4%

Fuel Type	Max Monthly	Min Monthly
WIND	4136	35
CCGT	3115	947
INTERCONNECTORS	978	-893
SOLAR	493	0
COAL	457	0
PUMPED STORAGE	290	-228
OIL	225	0
OCGT	222	0
DSR	171	0
CHP	163	71
HYDRO	118	0
BATTERY	106	-107
WASTE	81	15
PEAT	0	0

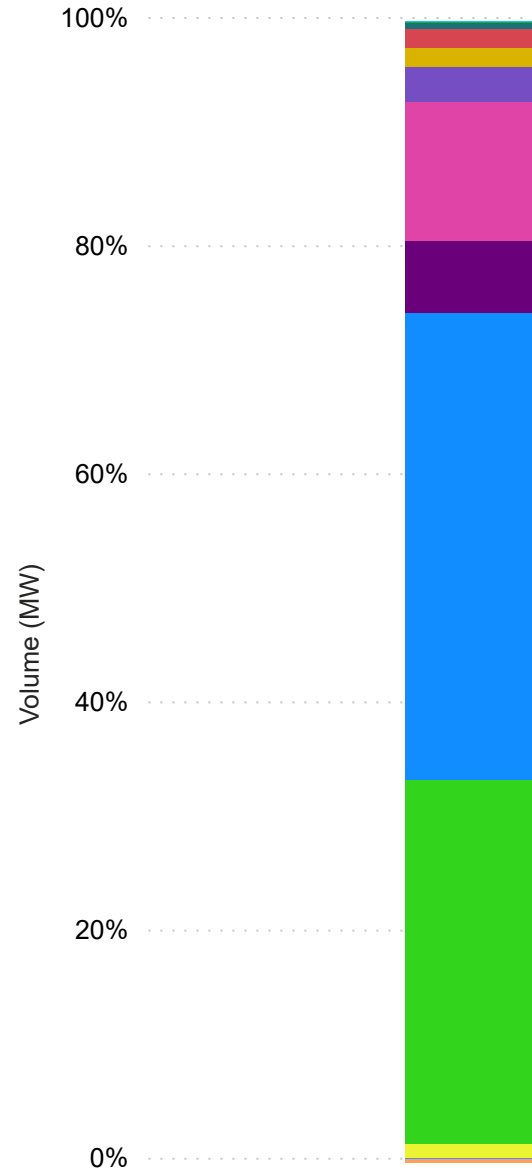
SEM 30 Minute Fuel Mix



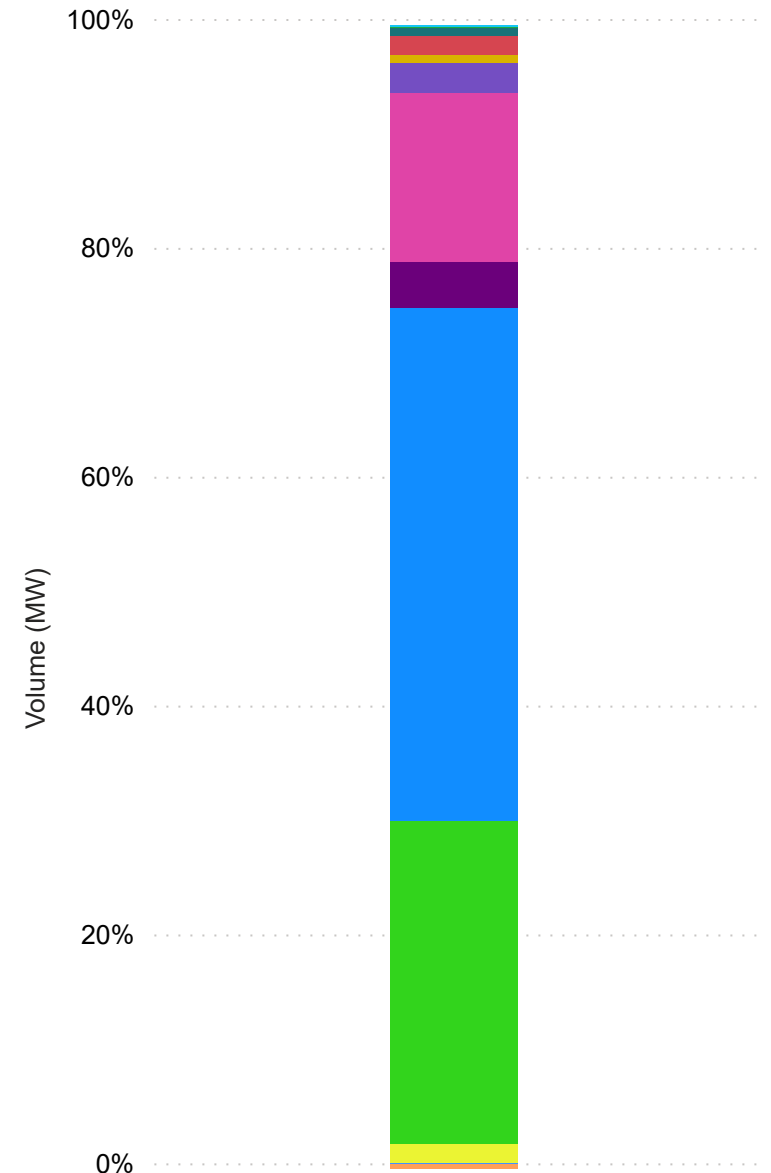
Fuel Mix Comparison September 2023 & 2024

- SOLAR
- WIND
- CCGT
- COAL
- INTERCONNECTORS
- CHP
- HYDRO
- WASTE
- DSR
- OIL
- OCGT
- BATTERY
- PUMPED STORAGE

SEM Fuel Mix September 2023



SEM Fuel Mix September 2024



North-South Tie Line September 2024

Average Flow NI to ROI (MW)

-297.07

Average Flow ROI to NI (MW)

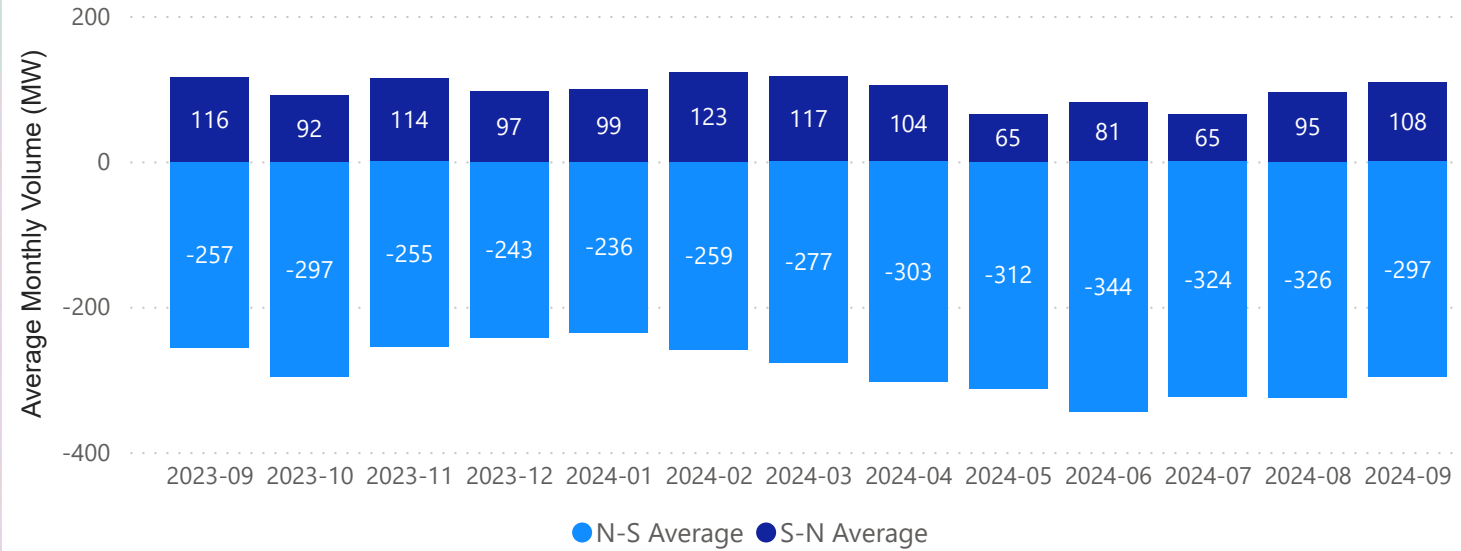
108.40

Average Net Flow NI to ROI (MW)

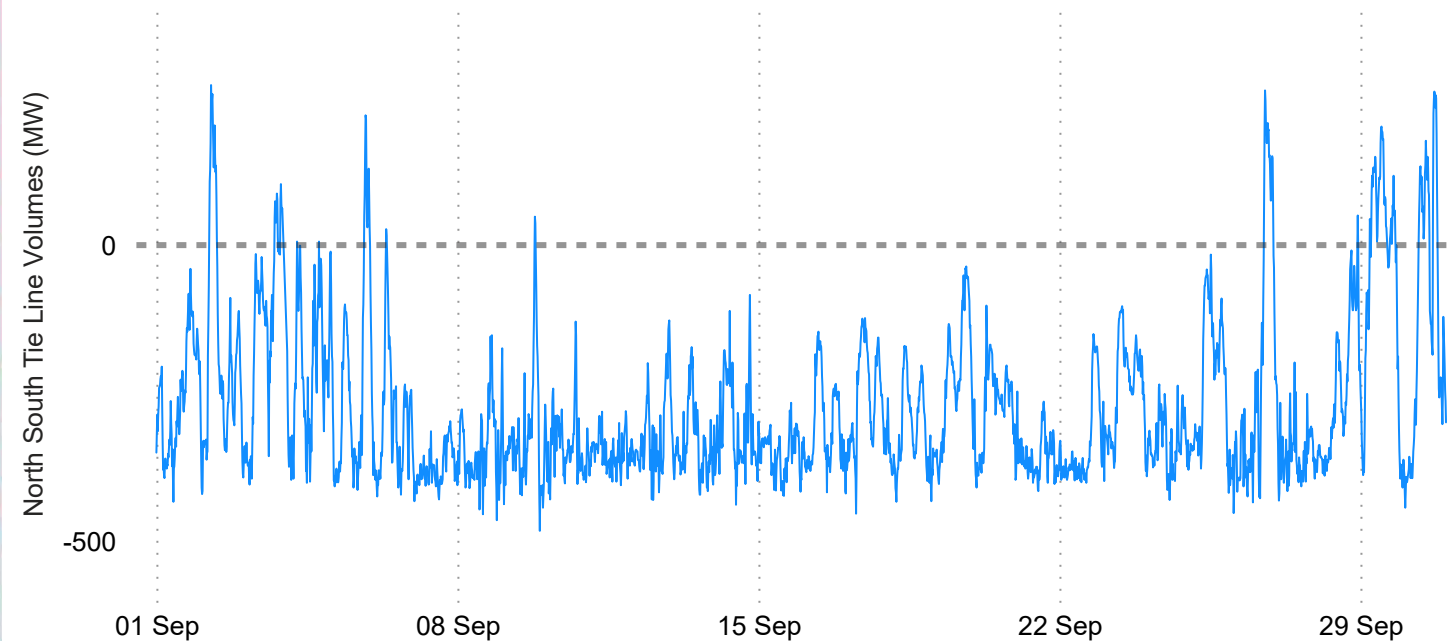
-273.80

-ve flow NI to ROI
+ve flow ROI to NI

Average Flows N-S Tie Line Long Term Trend



North South Tie Line Volumes 15 minute periods



North South Tie Line

Flows across the N-S Tie Line were predominantly in the North to South direction this month. This has been the long term trend. There are persistence reasons for this trend.

- When the wind penetration is high in NI, a surplus of power can be formed as the TSO must run a minimal number of thermal units in NI to deal with operational constrains in the system. Exporting power southwards is a mechanism to avoid wind curtailment.

- The Moyle Interconnector, due to it's lower physical losses, is allocated first for flows in the GB to NI direction. Similar to what happens when the wind penetration is high or demand is low, the interconnector flows compete with the system constrains. In order to not curtail the interconnection capacity with GB, power flows are directed southwards.

- Finally, the demand in ROI has been growing at a faster pace than in NI.

Wind Generation September 2024

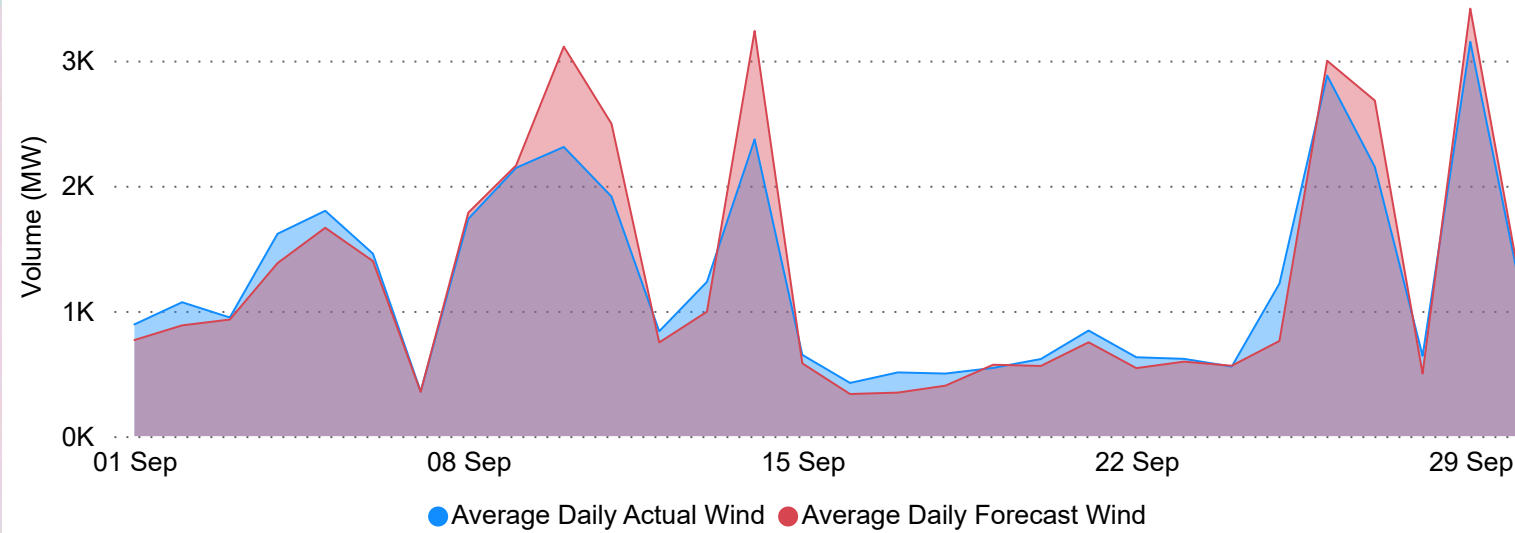
Average Daily Actual Wind (MW)
1,263

Average Daily Forecast Wind (MW)
1,295

Min SNSP%
13.48

Max SNSP%
75.12

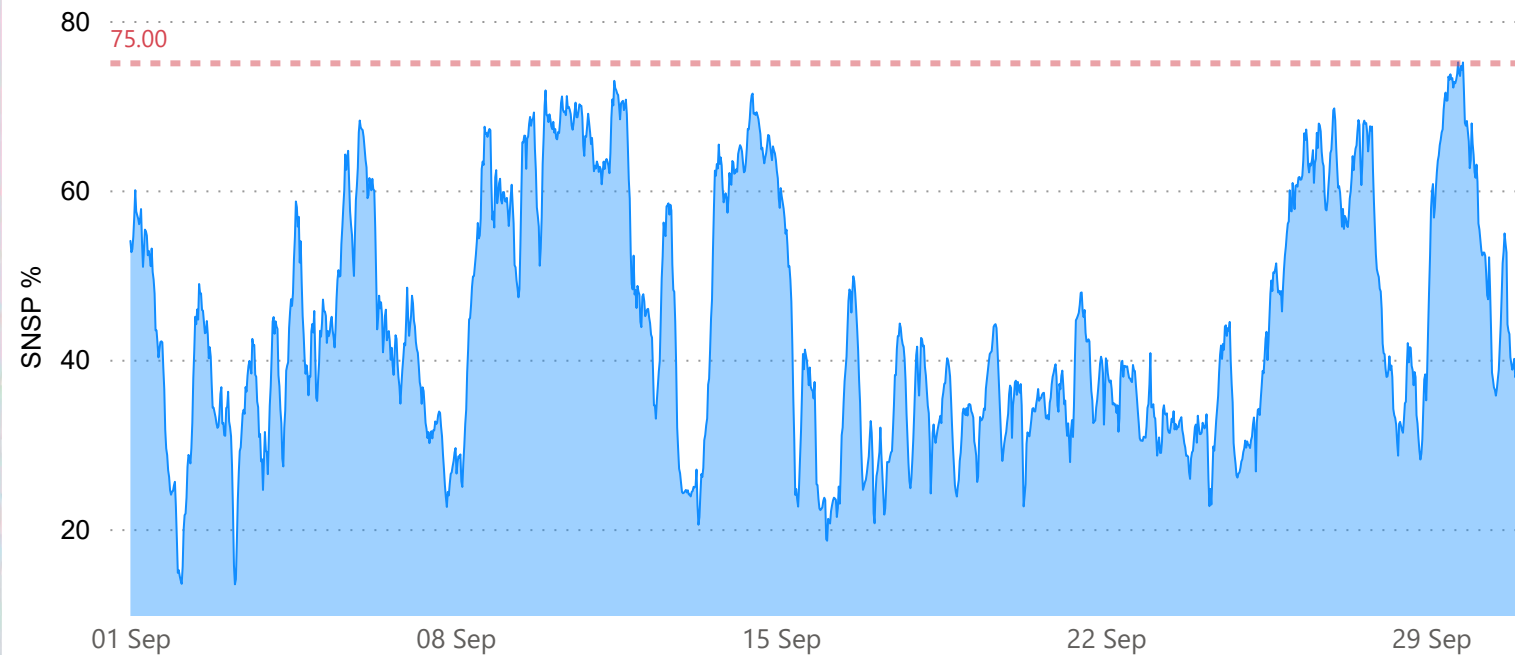
Actual Daily Average Wind Relative to Forecast Daily Average Wind



Wind Generation

Wind generation dropped 12% compared to previous month but keeping the trend consistent with the same period last year.

SNSP %



SNSP

SNSP is closely linked to wind generation and as such follows the same trend across the month.

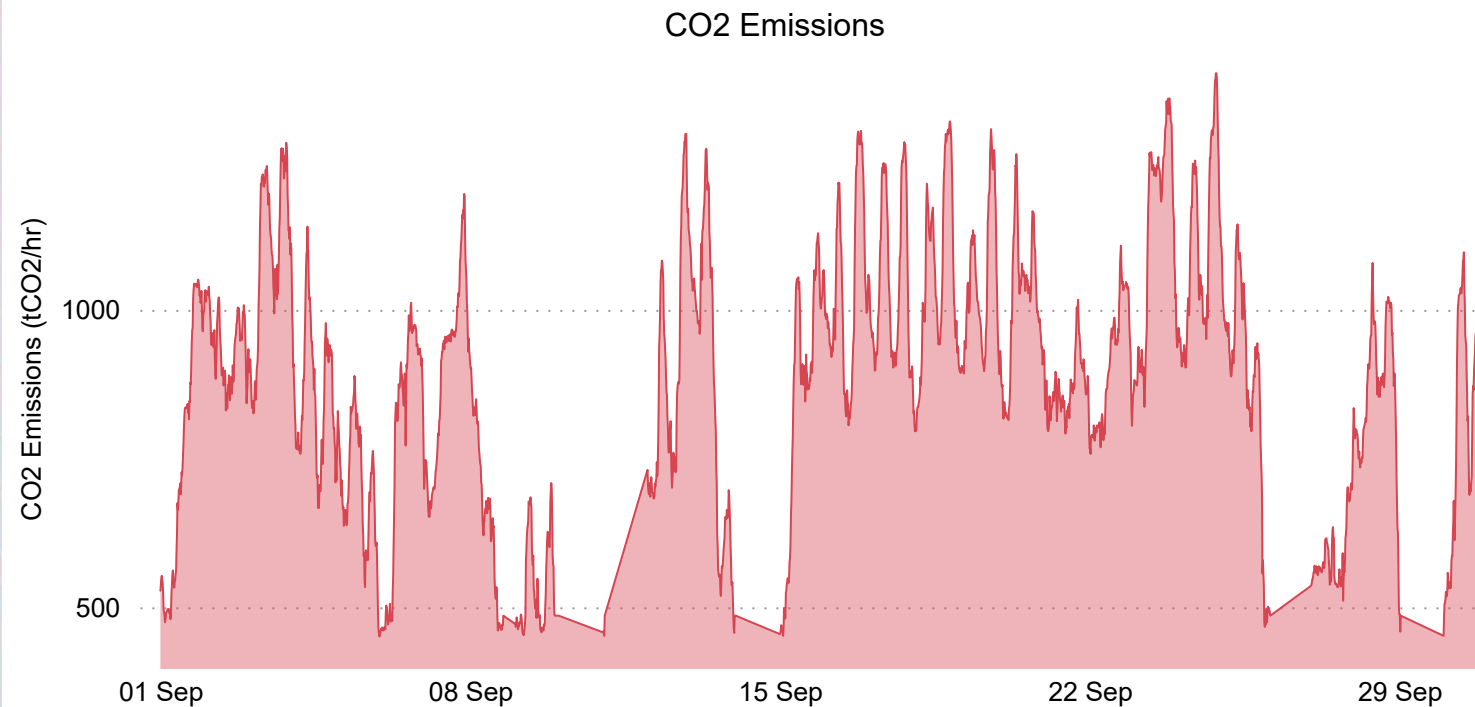
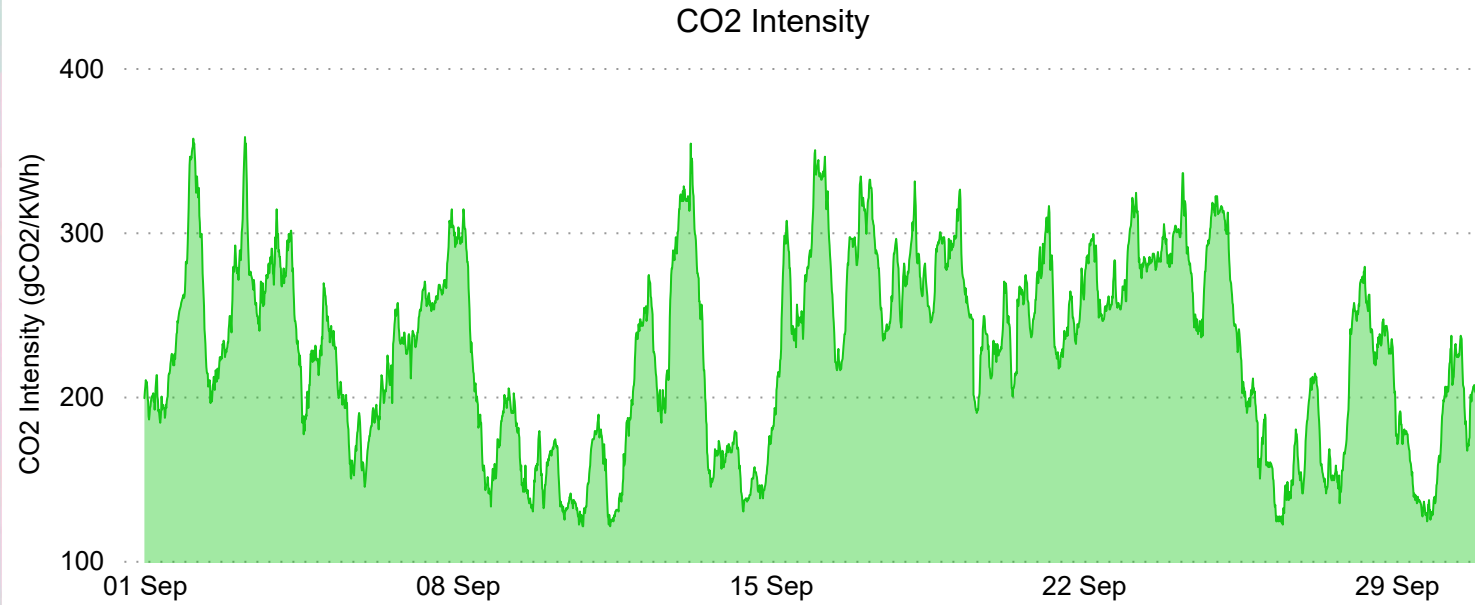
CO₂ September 2024

CO₂ Intensity (gCO₂/kWh)

228.68
Average
121
Lowest
358
Highest

CO₂ Emissions (tCO₂/hr)

893
Average
451
Lowest
1398
Highest



CO₂ Intensity

CO₂ Intensity i.e. how many grams of carbon are emitted for every unit of electricity used, should be negatively correlated with the volume of wind output on the system.

CO₂ Emissions

CO₂ emissions i.e. the estimated total CO₂ emissions from all large power stations, follows the same trends as CO₂ intensity levels over the course of the month.

Fuel Costs and Spreads

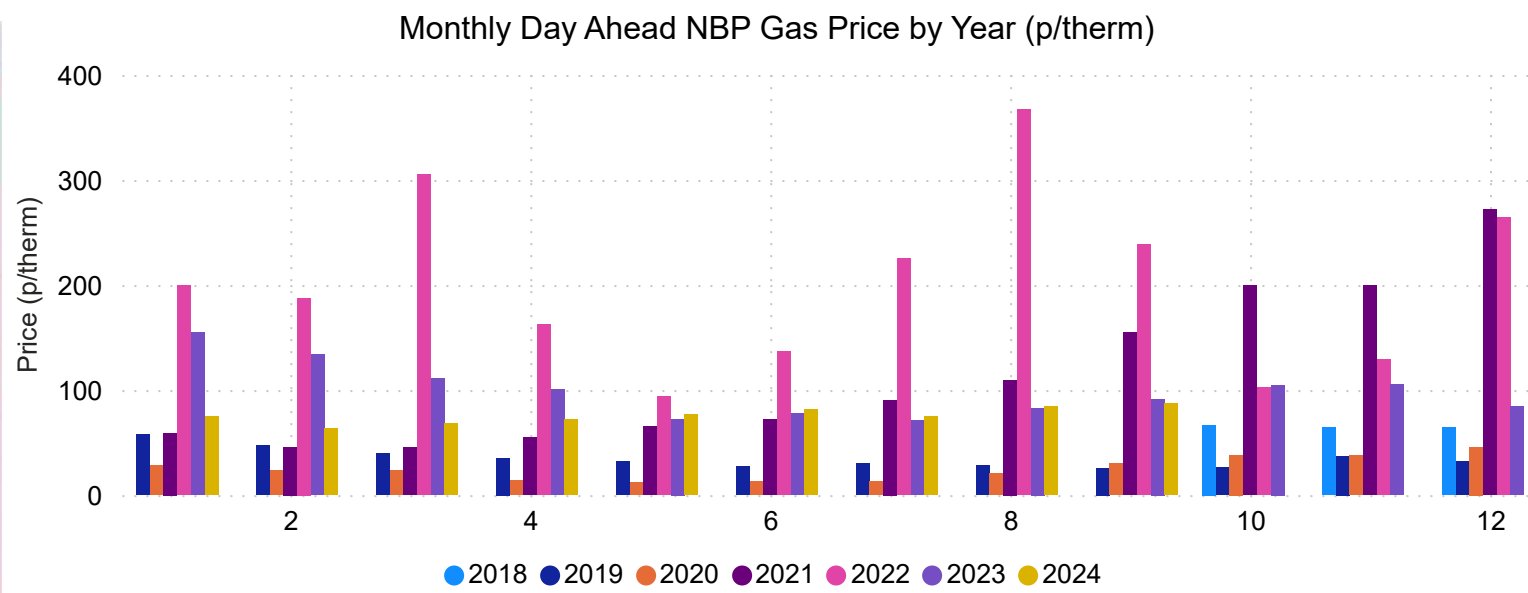


Gas Price September 2024

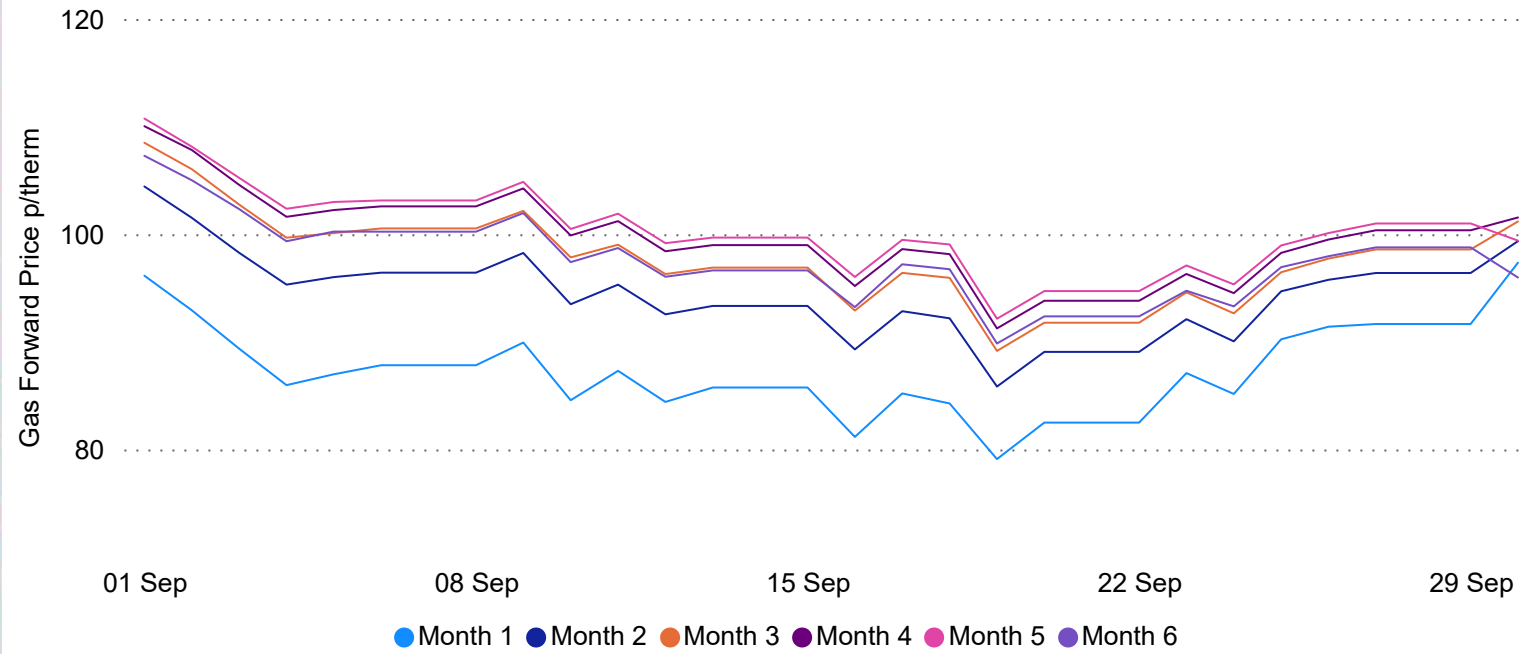
86.94
Monthly Average (p/therm)
78.18
Monthly Low (p/therm)
94.05
Monthly High (p/therm)

Gas Prices

Gas prices have experienced a 3% increase compared to the previous month, increasing from 84.71p to 86.96p.



Gas Forward Prices



Gas Forward Prices

Gas forward prices have decreased towards the end of the month.

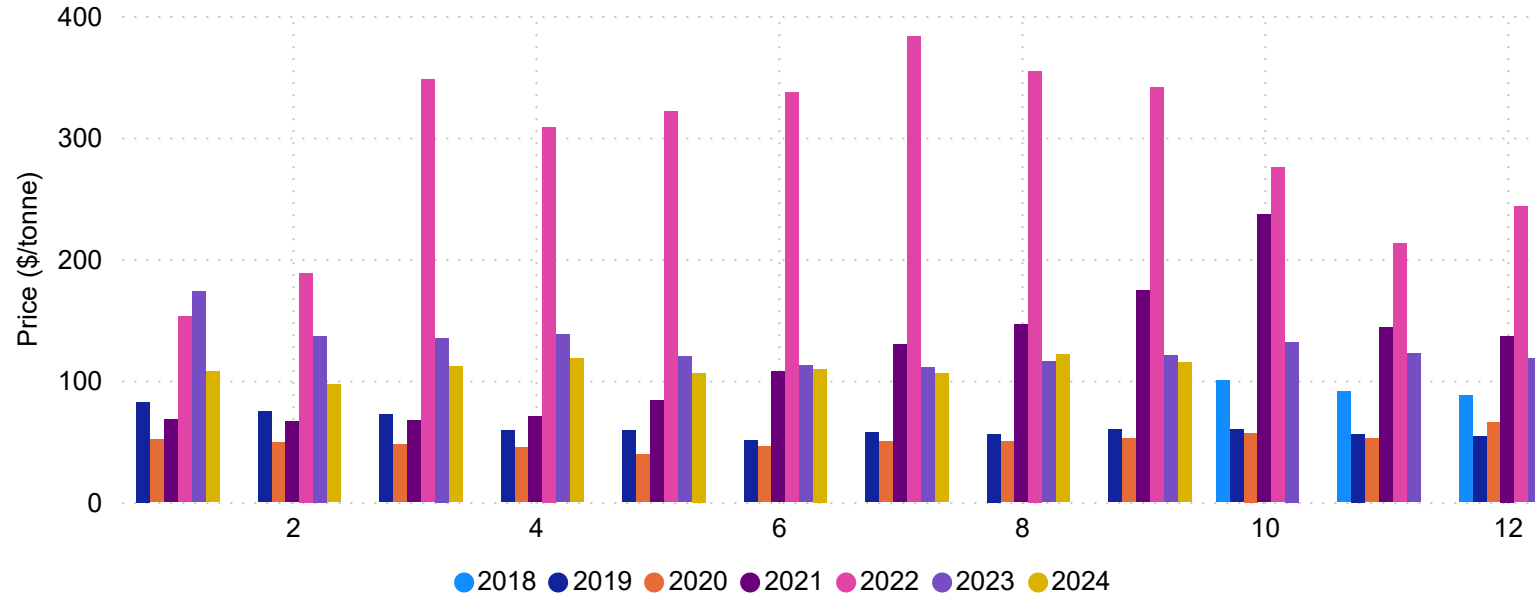
Forward gas prices are considerably lower than the prices seen over the past few years.

Coal Price September 2024

Coal Prices Per Tonne

\$114.96
Monthly Average
\$112.65
Monthly Low
\$121.70
Monthly High

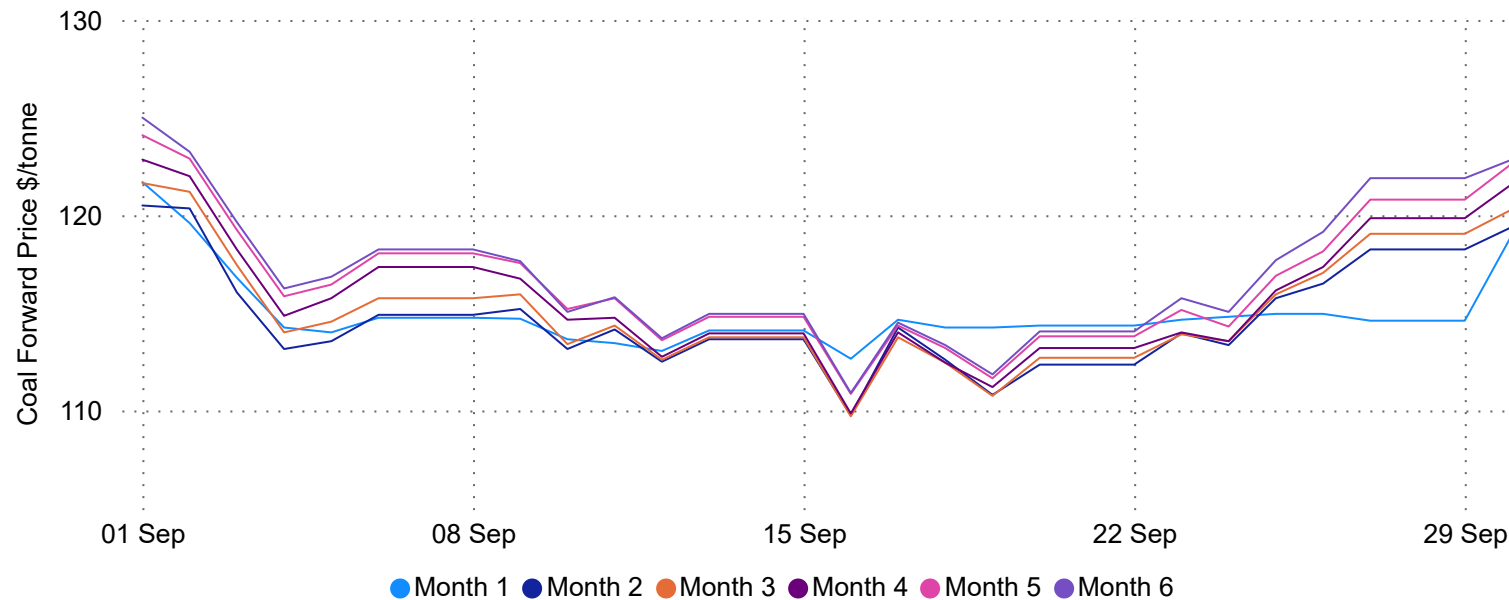
Monthly ICE Rotterdam Coal Price by Year (\$/tonne)



Coal Prices

Coal prices were lower compared to the previous month at \$114.96/tonne (5% decrease from the last month).

Coal Forward Prices



Coal Forward Prices

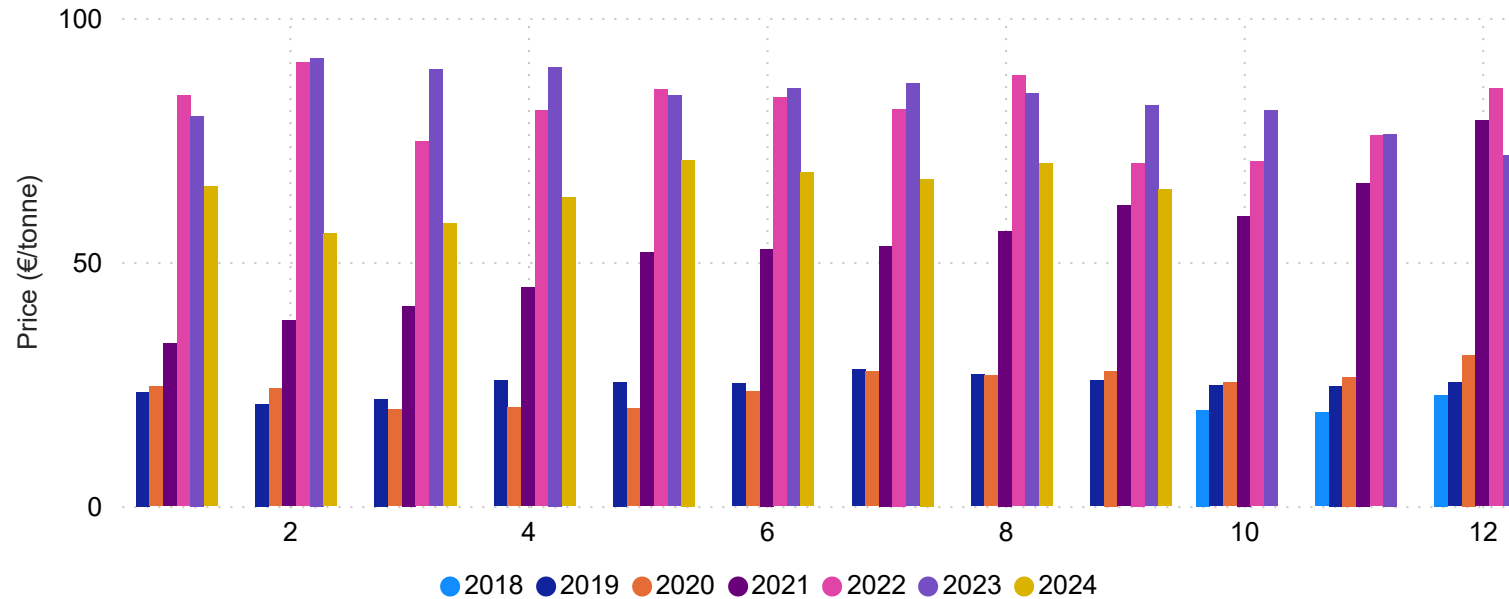
Coal forward prices demonstrate an increase at the end of the month.

Carbon Price September 2024

EU Carbon Prices (€/tonne)
 € 64.86
 Monthly Average
 € 62.37
 Monthly Low
 € 69.80
 Monthly High

UK Carbon Prices (€/tonne)
 € 48.17
 Monthly Average
 € 43.64
 Monthly Low
 € 51.50
 Monthly High

Monthly EU Carbon Permits Price by Year (€/tonne)

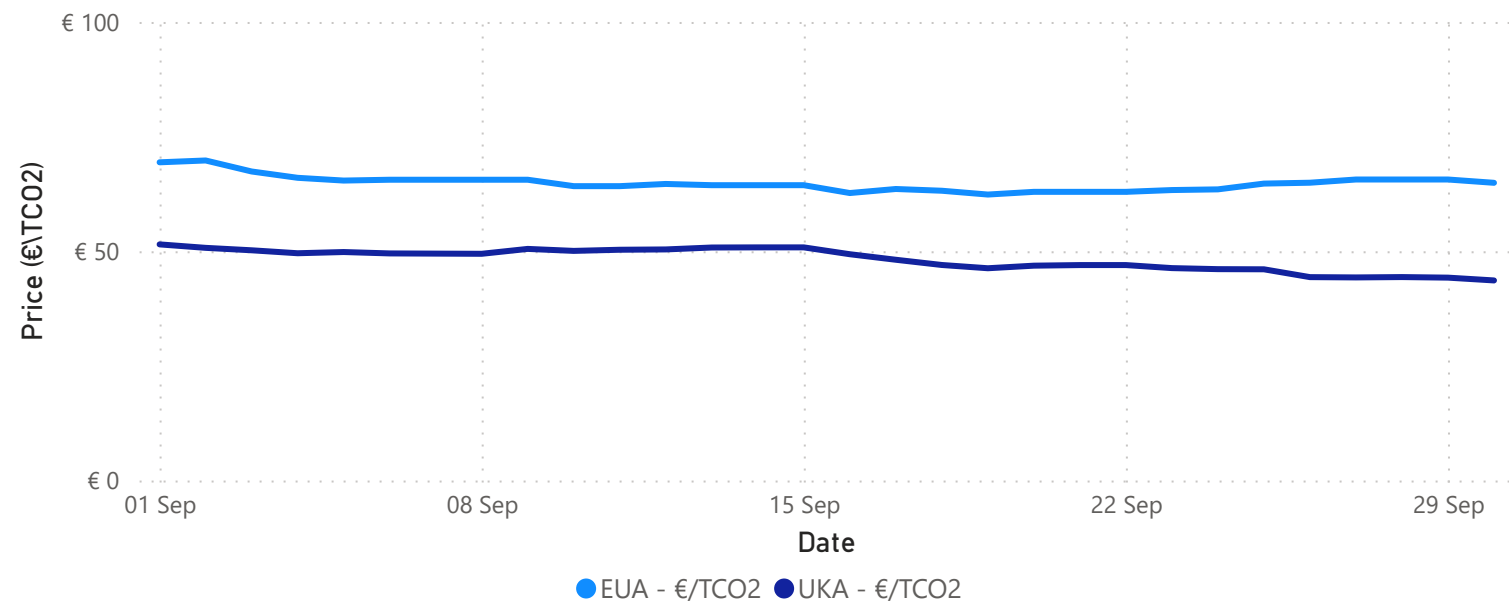


Carbon Prices

Carbon has decreased relative to the previous month by 8%.

EU emission allowance prices have been trading lower for much of this year, alongside gas and power. We believe this pressure is likely to persist. EUA prices have been weighed down by a combination of bearish factors, including a sluggish industrial recovery, strong renewables output and limited power demand from mild weather.

UK & EU Carbon Prices

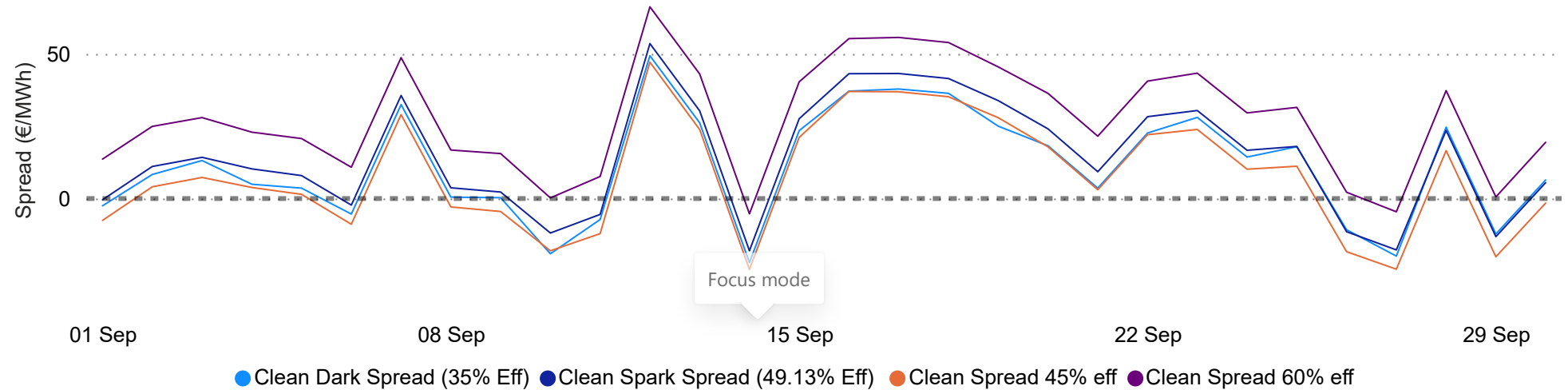


Spark Spreads September 2024

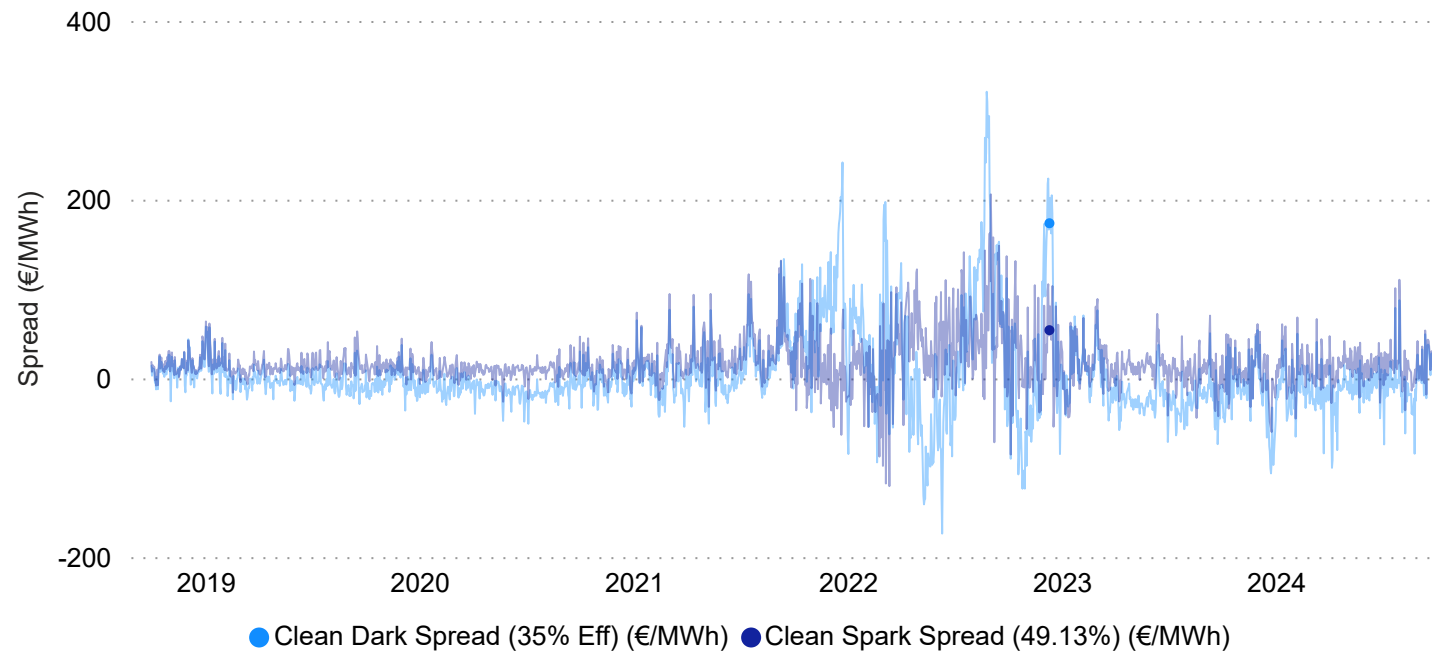
Clean Dark Spread measure the profitability of coal fired power generation based on the variable cost of inputs (coal and carbon credits) and the value of the output (electricity).

Clean Spark Spread is the difference between the price received by a generator for electricity produced and the cost of the natural gas + Carbon needed to produce that electricity.

Clean Dark Spread v Clean Spark Spread



Clean Dark Spread v Clean Spark Spread (October 2018 Onwards)



Clean Dark Spread vs Clean Spark Spread

Gas was more profitable than coal for the duration of the month. The spread between them was generally consistent across the month.

Clean Spark Spread was positive for the whole month with a few decreases when the wind increased for a sustained period.